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Israeli companies, with Defense Ministry approval, sold military equipment to Iran during the 1980s and early '90s, until they were stopped by US opposinon in 1993, court records and defense executives say.

An investigation to be published in next Friday's Jerusalem Post Magazine has found that the sales began soon after the Iran-Iraq War started in 1980 and continued through the early 1990s, when the

Clinton administration began to enforce the policy of dual containment against Iran and Iraq. "Until 1988, Israel was liberal in arms sales to Iran," said former Soltam director

Avraham Bar-David. "There was the Iran-Iraq War and our interest was that this war would last forever. Israeli companies were willing to sell virtually anything." The sales to Iran continued in 1990.

Defense industry sources say a variety of Israelis dealt with Teheran, but one of the most active was Nahum Manbar, now on

trial in Tel Aviv District Court on charges of aiding the enemy in time of war.

Court records of the Manbar trial and of a civil suit show that the Defense Ministry issued permits for at least one major defense deal with Iran in 1990, in which Iran wanted to huy \$50 million worth of high-technology equipment to detect chemical weapons from long range. The equipment, called Laser Radar System, was designed by Elbit Computers Ltd.

"The beginning of the supply was to LRS, Chase, Cadet, and Cat. All of these

given."

have been within a few months after are instruments for detecting chemical approval of the samples," Elhit said in weapons. reply to a suit Manbar brought against the

"Of course, we will try to test the quality of these equipments and if it is approved, we will put much larger order for each of the above equipments before the end of this year," wrote S.A. Okhovat, an official of the Iranian Defense Ministry's National Defense Industries Organization.

The agreement broke down when Elhit could not supply the LRS and agreed to sell only the Chase and Cadet. The

Iranians said they were primarily interested in the LRS, with much greater detection ability. In its defense, Elbit argued that it told Manbar that the LRS was still under development. The suit was eventually settled out of court.

The Manbar-Elhit suit detailed how the deal would be executed. The equipment would be purchased by Manbar's Mana International Investment Inc., which had an office in Warsaw.

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Binyamin Netanyahu to tell US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright yesterday that this endangers Israel and requires immediate action to stop it. Describing the Iranian missile buildup as a threat to the US and Israel, as well as a danger to world peace, Netanyahu said be



# **Diplomatic focus** shifts to Syria

#### By JAY BUSHINSKY

company in 1992 in Tel Aviv District

Court. "The plaintiff [Manbar] wanted

three months. On the basis of this, the

defendant turned to the Defense Ministry

to obtain the required permits to conduct

negotiations, and such a permit was

An order of the equipment made by the

Iranians listed the following items: the

A new diplomatic channel to Syria opens today, when US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright shifts the focus of her peacemaking efforts from Jenusalem to Damascus.

She will be armed with new Israeli ideas about getting the bilateral peace process back on track and reinforced by discreet, hut unconfirmed preliminary contacts believed to have been made by the two countries.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu mentioned Israel's interest in resuming direct negotiations with Syria at yesterday afternoon's meeting with Albright, but they preferred to go into detail at a

from "what Palestinians perceive resumption of a dialogue with as the provocative expansion of settlements" was vigorously rejected by David Bar-Illan, Netanyahu's director of communications.

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"To freeze the construction of settlements is like freezing the life within them," Bar-Illan said. He contended that as long as the settlements in the West Bank and

Syria when pressed on the subject, other than to confirm that Syria's removal from the "inner circle of hostility" might also detach Damascus from its principal ally, Iran, which he regards as Israel's most dangerous enemy

Foreign Minister David Levy bolstered the new optimism about a deal with Syria being feasible when he remarked, "Oslo isn't dead and Syria isn't dead!"

Levy and Albright are to meet later this month at the UN General Assembly session in New York. Netanyahu's uncharacteristic silence on Syria suggested that a new diplomatic initiative may be in the making, and that excessive rhetoric might kill it.

and Albright talked about ways to avert it. Iran is "seeking also to develop

nuclear weapons," Netanyahu said

He spoke at a joint news con-ference at the end of a meeting with Albright, their second since she arrived on Wednesday.

Albright also referred to Iran's missile buildup, but both she and Netanyahu refrained from specifically mentioning Russia in this context.

Netanyahu Nonctheless. instructed National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon to suspend negotiations with Russia on the purchase of natur-

al gas. "The US has been concerned about Iran's acquisition of wcapons of mass destruction and their general behavior," Albright said. "We had a discussion about the importance of what can he done to make sure that this region, which is so important to Israelis and also to us, not be exposed to greater danger." However, Israeli political quar-

ters accused the Kremlin of "a controlled, approved, and directed operation, sponsored by the Russian government" which could turn Iran into a regional superpower capable of destroying the peace process.

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## **Deadly crash**

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

businessman

Palestinian-controlled territory.

noon. His ahandoned car was

found parked at the entrance of

Netiv Ha'asara, north of the Erez

Yesterday, some 800 policemen,

border policemen, IDF troops and

volunteers searched fields, wadis,

and the coastline from Ashdod and

Ashkelon toward Erez. Security

forces notified their Palestinian

checkpost, later that day.

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Officers inspect the wreckage of an IDF troop transport which overturned on Har Dov yesterday, killing two soldiers and injuring seven. See report, Page 2. (Avihu Shapira/Israel Sun)

# **Bnei Brak man feared** kidnaped by terrorists

A massive search for 63-year-PA official Sufian Abu Zaideh said that if it is determined that Ya'acov Schwartz continues today, amid Schwartz is being held in the Gaza fears that he was kidnapped by ter-Strip, no effort would be spared to ensure his safety. "I am 100 perrorists and is being held in cent sure that Palestinian security Schwartz, of Bnei Brak, a forces will do everything to return Holocaust survivor, was last seen him to his family," he said. in Ashkelon on Wednesday after-Inside Schwartz's car, police

found an IDF shirt and on the ground nearby his wallet, with his identity card missing. His kippa was found several meters from the car, but police said there were no signs of a struggle.

Searchers found three packets of the medication which Schwartz took daily, lying close to the Ashkelon-Eilat pipeline south of Ashkelon. Police are also investigating the

counterparts, and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu asked US Secretary of State Madeleine possibility that Schwartz's kidnapers, seeking to mislead the Albright to request Palestinian security forces, parked his car at Authority Chairman Yasser

Arafat's assistance during her meeting with him in Ramallah. Erez and are holding him some-where in the West Bank. Negev police spokesman Shalom Ben-Hamo said last night that other possibilities have not been ruled

> "We haven't ruled ont anything and are questioning family members to determine the reason for his disappearance," he said. In an emotional appeal yester-

day, Schwartz's wife, Elisheva, asked the government, Arafat, and the public to help find her husband. "He is a man who instilled security and the love of life in everyone around him. In hard times he always displayed optimism.

She added that her husband was wearing a striped blue shirt, dark

tronsers, sport shoes, and a kippa. See KIDNAPED, Page 21

working dinner in the evening.

The flurry of optimism regarding an Israeli-Syrian hreakthrough to the negotiating table contrasted with an upsurge of controversy on the Palestinian issue in which Albright herself was the target.

Accords." Netanyahu refused to elaborate Her call upon Israel to refrain

Gaza Strip exist, they must develop and the construction is meant for the needs of the inhabitants. "Besides," he went on, "a building freeze is not included in the Oslo

on the emerging options for

Netanyahu also announced an easing of the closure. Bethlehem is to be reopened to Christian pilgrims this morning, but the city's residents will not be allowed to enter Israel.

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# Albright urges Arafat: Be relentless against terror

## By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright again hammered home the theme of security in her meeting with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat in Ramallah yesterday, saying that the PA cannot fight terrorism "only when it is convenient to do so."

Speaking at a joint news conference with Arafat following the meeting, Albright said that action against terror "must be comprehensive, relentless, and sustained. It cannot be pursued only when it is convenient to do so. As Chairman Arafat knows, fighting terror is a 24-hour-a-day job."

Practically conceding that the peace process is dormant, if not dead, Albright said, "I think that we have a long way to go. So far we have managed to get agreement on the fact that terrorists are terrible, but we have not, I think, yet been able to see what the best methods are to get the peace process back on track.

At the press conference, held at the PA Ministry of Education building, a reporter asked whether

Minister Prime Binyamin Netanyahu, "leaving the issue of the bombings aside," should freeze settlements over the Green Line. "First, it's a little hard to say leaving terrorism aside, "Albright responded, "because I think that is the basic problem here. The importance of dealing with the terrorist

Arafat said that the Palestinians and Israelis "are partners in the peace process, and we have to bear not going forward.

issue is prime, and we will continue to press on that."

our mutual responsibilities in accordance with the agreements

that have been signed; and I reiter-ate that the Palestinian National Authority will bear all its responsibilities and I hope that the Israeli government will do the same." Albright said it was clear to her

after their three-hour meeting that Arafat understands how damaging to the peace process the terrorists are, and that he believes it is the Palestinian people who suffer because terrorism has not been expunged and the peace process is

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Suissa said he wants to set the period of daylight saving time for several years, so that the matter does not have to be debated each Jerusalem Post Staff

make recommendations on the optimum period for the clock to be

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# IDF kills two gunmen in Lebanon

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An IDF force opened fire on a terrorist squad in the central sector of the security zone on Wednesday night, killing at least two gunmen, the IDF Spokesman said yesterday. It said that, after the incident, soldiers found a large cache of arms, apparently belonging to an elite Hizbullah unit. Jerusalem Post Staff

## Report calls for Edelstein's dismissal

Yisrael Ba'aliya's internal audit committee yesterday presented party officials with a report calling for the removal of Immigration and Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein, Army Radin said. The committee found that Edelstein had not fulfilled his obligations to the party with regard to new immigrants. Edelstein responded that during his tenure, there has been a sharp increase in the number of apartments allocated to the poor and in cooperation with immigrant and volunteer groups. "We haven't solved all the immigrants' problems, but it's not possible to do so in a year or even in a more extended period," he said.

# Decision on Ben-Ari remand next week

The Jerusalem Magistrate's Court is to rule next Thursday on whether Zvi Ben-Ari (Gregory Lerner) will be remanded until the end of his trial. Ben-Ari was charged Sunday with 14 counts of fraud, blackmail, and attempted blackmail.

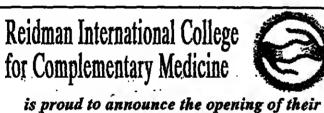
During a seven-hour hearing before Judge Eliabu Ben-Zimra. prosecutors argued that the amounts involved in the crimes are nnprecedented, and that Ben-Ari is likely to flee the country if released. Ben-Ari's lawyer, Yoram Sheftel, countered that the trial could last years, and that in any case there is no precedent for remanding a white-collar criminal until the end of his trial. Itim

## Double murder said to be 'family honor' killing

Police believe that the double murder in the South of a bushand and wife, whose bodies were found yesterday afternoon, was a "family honor" murder. The body of Yussuf Alkarini, 34, of Rahat, was found at the entrance to the Beduin village of Hura. His wife, Yusara, 23, was found dead in an orchard near Kiryat Gat. Police said that Alkarini was a drug addict who allowed his wife to go out with other men. Police have arrested three suspects, but said that the killers themselves are still at large. Itim

## Har-Shefi trial opens

The trial of Margalit Har-Shefi, 22, of Beit El, opened yesterday in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court. She is accused of knowing that Yigal Amir planned to assassinate prime minister Yitzhak Rabin and doing nothing to stop him and of providing him with assistance. The court, acceding to a prosecution request, ruled that General Security Service agents would testify behind closed Itim



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# Two killed, seven hurt in IDF crash

## By HERB KEINON

An army transport truck apparently struck an outcropping on a hairpin mountain curve, then ran off the road and overturned yesterday, killing two soldiers and injuring seven, one of them seriously.

The IDF Spokesman identified the dead as the driver, Staff-Sgt. Michael Kodranski, 20, from Beit Shemesh, and his female passenger in the cab, Sgt. Einav Madhara, 19, from Kiryat Ekron.

The injured were flown to Haifa's Rambam Hospital. In addition to the seriously injured soldier, three others suffered moderate injuries and three were lightly hurt.

The accident took place at about 8 a.m. on Har Dov near Kibbutz Dafna on the northern border, not far from where two belicopters collided in February in an accident that killed 73 soldiers.

OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine ordered an investigation of the accident.

According to preliminary reports, the truck, which was carrying soldiers from outposts near the Lebanese border, glanced off the rock on one of the mountain's hairpin turns. Despite the driver's efforts to slow it by downshifting, be lost control and the truck crashed through a barrier and flipped over.

According to the IDF Spokesman, 16 sol-diers have been killed in road accidents since the beginning of the year, compared to 10 in all of 1996. Another 20 soldiers bave been killed in road accidents that took place while they were on leave, compared to 31 soldiers killed while off duty in 1996.

Yesterday's accident is likely to give additional ammunition to a group of families of soldiers killed in IDF accidents over the past decade. The families are calling for a new policy whereby accidents will be inves-

tigated independently, and not by the IDF. If the investigations are done independently, there will not be a whitewash," said Nissim Isha, whose son was killed by friendly fire near Jenin in 1992. A group of parents took out full-page advertisements in the Hebrew press last week following the deaths of five soldiers in the Lebanon brushfire incident, calling for independent

investigations. "There is no way to completely prevent all accidents in the army," Isha said. "But

even if you lessen them by 2 or 3 percent a year. you are saving lives." isha said highranking officers know that if their charges are killed in an accident, they will not be held responsible. "But if they know that if something happens, they will be held responsible, then maybe they will do things a little differently," he said.

Shula Yehoshua, whose son was killed in a IDF truck accident five years ago, was more blunt "if the officers know they will be held. responsible, they will be more careful."

In late July, Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Annon Lipkin-Shahak convened a special inquiry into a rash of accidents that claimed the lives of six soldiers in one week. As a result of this inquiry, all IDF units were directed last month to emphasize road-safety programs.



# Welcome to Ramallah

US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat shake hands on the steps of the PA Education Ministry building in Ramallah before their meeting yesterday.

# Police checking threats to settlers

## By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Police are investigating a series of threatening letters sent to the offices of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza. and to Amana, the council's settlement division.

According to council spokes-woman Yehudit Tayar, the letters have been sent on a weekly basis for some months. Tayar said the letters are handwritten, sometimes in German and sometimes in Hebrew. All the letters have been posted from the Tel Aviv-Jaffa area.

They are written on spiral notebook paper and usually consist of a few words or a couple of sentences," she said.

The letters' contents, said Tayar, have become more vicious and council members decided to ask the police to investigate. Some of the letters compared the settlement leaders to insects that needed to be exterminated, she said.

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"It is reminiscent of the period following the assassination of former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin. Then we received many threatening telephone calls and letters," Tayar said.

Tayar said the council's secretary-general, Aharon Domb, filed a complaint with police on Tuesday.

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FM's remarks By JAY BUSHINSKY agree with France that Israel is to nd news agencies blame. Foreign Minister David Levy

protest French

yesterday rejected French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine's criticism of Israeli policy, saying it was "baseless." He indicated that a formal protest will be submitted to the Quai d'Orsay.

Levy was referring to Vedrine's remarks that the Israeli government is to blame for undermining Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat and destroying the PA as its "essential and irreplaceable partner in the peace process." Levy said that "adaption of such a one-sided position by a friendly country is unacceptable.

Vedrine told a Socialist Party conference that "the peace process is broken," and that a growing number of European countries

"This is a catastrophic policy, it seems in me, both in the short term and in the future, for the Palestinians, for Israel, and the rest of the world," he said.

"The French foreign minister's words and their timing raise doubts about their purpose," Levy said.

"At the very moment that the US secretary of state is in the region and working, together with the Israeli government and the PA, to renew security cooperation and to put the peace process back on track, M. Vedrine determines that the peace process is dead. This is unfortunate conclusion to an which even Arafat is not a part-

Vedrine took office in June in a Socialist-led government and his remarks are likely to cement Israel's impression that Paris is too pro-Arab io play a larger role in reviving the peace process.

a 'presidential coup'

The media need not

estrained. That is not its role. But

given the president's role as the rep-

resentative of national consensus,

But Weizman quickly enough made it clear that he has no inten-

tion of quitting, and that when his

five-year term is up in eight

That dashed Likud hopes he

could be replaced. Prior to that

months, he will seek another.

he should restrain himself."

## By SARAH HONIG

Israel to formally Avineri: Weizman tried

President Ezer Weizman had attempted a presidential coup, Hebrew University political science Prof. Shlomo Avineri said yesterday.

Avineri, a Laborite and former Foreign Ministry director-general, took Weizman to task for his comments to US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright on Wednesday, in which he called on her to exert pressure on Israel

Avineri told Israel Radio that Weizman "did something which exceeded the bounds of his office. I don't want to resort to his vocabulary, but he sought to carry out a presidential conp, to assume for himself authority which his office does not confer upon him. The law does not allow him such things because he is not empowered to conduct negotiations on behalf of the state.

According to Avineri, the presi-dent "is also not obliged to express

his opinion on every single issue. I'd rather not supply examples Court president Meir Shamgar, Foreign Minister David Levy, or because some of them will certain-National Infrastructure Minister ly not enhance his prestige. Ariel Sharon.

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Shamgar let be known long ago We are a small country and whenever an issue arises - like that he would stand for the post only if he were a consensus candihomosexuality - the media rushes to the president and there is never date; Sharon ignored the talk; and any doubt that he will shoot from Levy took umbrage, interpreting the hip and have something to say the rumors as part of a sinister plot that will make major headlines. The to kick him upstairs. president ought to restrain himself.

But a senior Likud source said last night that if Weizman runs again, no one will challenge him. The source. also noted that the Likud had never gotten its presidential candidate elected in the Knesset.

Arye Shumer, the director of the President's Office, said vesterday that a full transcript of Weizman's conversation with Albright was to be dispatched last night to the Prime Minister's Office, and it was up to the latter to decide whether to publish it.

anonymous sources in the party started rumors to the effect that the Weizman will meet early next party would field a candidate week with Netanyahu, Israel Radio against him, like former Supreme said last night.

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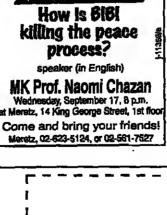
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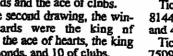


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# **MIA families ask** Albright for help

Albright refuses

Pollard petition

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright refused

yesterday to accept a delega-tion of MKs that wished to

present her with a petition, signed by 40 MKs, asking

for clemency for convicted spy Jonathan Pollard.

said that the US had suggest-

ed, through the Foreign Ministry, that US Ambassador Martin Indyk

would accept the petition, but Pines said this had been a

stalling tactic and that Indyk

Pines said that by refusing

to receive them Albright had

demonstrated contempt for

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Speaking before their meeting, Rahin said Israel was expecting

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here," Pines said.

Haver, Farewell Frieod."

never contacted the MKs.

Labor MK Ophir Pines, who initiated the petition,

# By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

In a meeting yesterday with the families of soldiers who went missing 15 years ago in the Lehanon War. US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright pledged to try to obtain information about their sons.

On the first stop of her second day here, Albright said she could make no promises, hut would "do what she could" during her Middle East trip, according to Yona Baumel, the father of Zachary Baumel, who has been missing. along Zvi Feldman and Yehuda Katz, since the June 11, 1982, baltle at Sultan Yacouh. "We impressed upon her the

importance of solving the longterm problem and the importance of this issue to the Israeli public at large," said Baumel. The Baumels hold US citizenship.

Though chances of finding the missing soldiers are slim, the families still remain hopeful.

"It's like having a tiger hy the tail: You can't hold on, you can't let go," Baumel said. Albright's day continued with a

breakfast meeting with Leah Rabin, widow of prime mioister Yitzhak Rabin, followed by a wreath-laying ceremony at his grave.

Rabin, urging Alhright to revive the hope for Middle East peace, presented her with a gold dove-of-peace pin, which Albright put on. At the grave, Albright laid a wreath of yellow and red flowers and, following Jewish custom, Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, placed a stone on Rabin's head-

Arafat to stop the terror without there being forward movement him?"

> founding of the state of Israel, Jews were also "terrorists," and uprooting it now is just as impossible.

'We were also terrorists once and they didn't uproot us and we went on dealing in terrorist activ-ities," she said. "Despite all the efforts of all of the British array in the land, we went on with terrorism. It is not simple to uprool terrorism. It is not that Arafat is not trying.

"If you wait and see until there is 100 percent success in uprooting terrorism, it appears to me that peace will get farther and farther away before our very eyes. That is

my assessment." Asked if she thought Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu wanted peace, Rabin said: "Allow me to express doubt. He does everything against it."

toward peace is impossible," she said. "What are we expecting of Rabin ooted that before the

Leah Rabin (left), widow of prime minister Yitzhak Rahin, speaks with US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright yesterday after Albright laid a wreath and placed a stone on Rabin's grave on Jerusalem's Mount Herzl.

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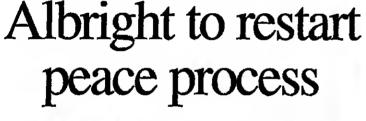
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US Jews ask

### By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - Highlighting a schism in the American Jewish community, 40 prominent American Jews have urged US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright 10 preserve the "original

standable zeal to stop terror to cloud their judgment, and are unable to see that, for Israel's sake, it is equally vital to get peace talks re-started as soon as possible." The letter was signed by three former chairmen of the

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peace process on track. While the first focus of Albright's mission must be to "ensure that the Palestinian Authority takes more effective action against terrorism, the origi-

nal agenda of your trip - as you outlined at the National Press Club last month and which included concrete ideas for putting the partics back on the path to peace - is no less vital now," they said in a letter to Albright, which was sent on Tuesday.

We sent this message because the [Clinton] administration is hearing from people in the American Jewish community and Congress who want the secretary to limit her focus in a manner that is detrimental to Israel," said Theodore Mann, one of the signers. "Some would use the latest terrorist atrocity as a pretext to destroy the Oslo process," he said.

agenda" for her visit to the region, Conference of Presidents of Major saying she must help keep the American Jewish Organizations, Mann, Seymour Reich and Rabbi Alexander Schindler, two former presidents of AIPAC, David Steiner and Edward Sanders; and Jack Bendheim, presideot of Israel Policy Forum.

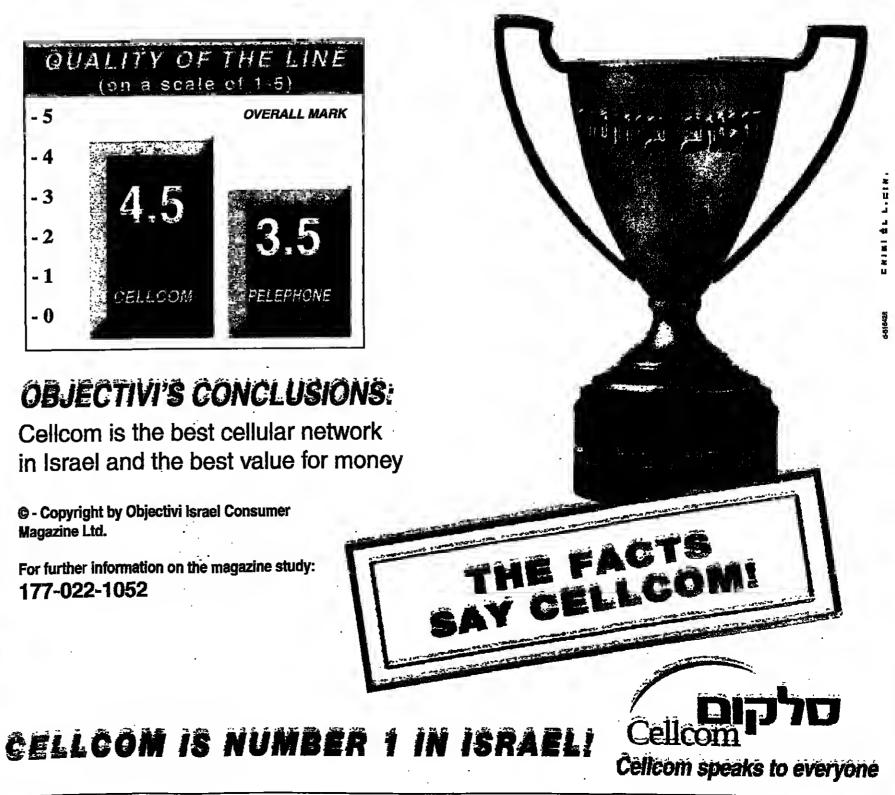
Business signatories include Nathan Ganteber, chairman of Oppeoheimer and Company; Bram Goldsmith, head of the City National Bank in Los Angeles; and Michael Medavoy, presideot of Phoenix Pictures.

The letter also attempted to couoter a message to Albright from members of Congress, including House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Senator Majority Leader Trent Lott, who raised the possibility of cutting off relations with the Palestinian Authority. This would be "both counter-pro-

ductive and threatening to the long-term interests of Israel and the US-Israel relationship," the letter said.



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# Closing the terror option

Arab-Israeli conflict, US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright has consciously and deftly kept her focus on the fundamental threat to the peace process: the threat of terrorism. Even with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat at her side after their meeting in Ramallah yesterday. Albright refused to accept any equation between "buildozers and bombers," stressing that, while both sides have their obligations, there can be no tolerance of the taking of human life.

In this respect, she is also heeding the stern advice of the US Congress. A letter signed by the top four leaders of the House and Senate to Albright on the eve of her visit said clearly, There can be no more winks and nods. American patience is at an end. There can be no more equivocation on Arafat's part. Israel is our ally, and there can be no moral equivalence on ours. Arafat and the leaders of the Palestinian Authority must live up to this solemn obligation [to combat terrorism] or risk an end to the relationship with, and support of, the United States of America.

Though the letter implies that US aid to the Palestinians is threatened, future assistance is effectively already cut off. The US law that allows aid to the Palestinian Authority to flow has lapsed, and in practical terms, cannot be renewed unless the administration is able to certify to Congress that Arafat is abiding by his commitment to combat terrorism. Without concrete and unmistakable actions to combat terrorism, such certification will be impossible.

Even Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. though continuing to publicly back all of Arafat's demands, has also privately pressed Arafat to deliver in the fight against terrorism. Labor Party leader Ehud Barak also has left no daylight between him and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu oo Arafat's unconditional obligation to fight terror.

More than perhaps ever before, a diplomatic consensus has arisen that Arafat must finally, irreversibly and unequivocally, choose betweeo terrorism and peace. It has finally sunk in that Arafat, despite previous appearances, never made the strategic break with the use of terrorism as a lever against Israel io the peace and security all Israelis yearn for more illusive, process. Even the US has come to the conclu-

n her first plunge into the mire of the sion that the standard show of evenhandedness has not been sufficient to induce such a strategic turn, and that to save the peace process, the pressure must first fall on Arafat.

At the same time, all concerned know that this situation is temporary, and that the laser focus on Arafat to deliver will boomerang back with equal or greater intensity upon Israel if Arafat does begin to fight terrorism as promised.

It is disturbing, in this context, that any responsible Israeli leader would act to diffuse Albright's temporary, but vital, focus by urging her to pressure our government as well. It is almost beyond belief that this Israeli would be President Ezer Weizman.

Weizman, in a breakfast Wednesday attended by numerous advisers, told Albright that he opposes Netanyahu's use of economic pressure on Arafat and advised her to put both leaders in a Camp David-style pressure cooker to reach agreement. Weizman also told Albright that she would bave to pressure Netanyahu to implement the upcoming redeployments required by the Oslo Accords.

President Weizman speaks his mind; it is a trait that has at turns endeared and infuriated the people of Israel. Sometimes Weizman's instincts lead him to say just the right things at the right moment, other times he will gratuitously offend whole sectors of the people be is supposed to represent. Weizman's statemeots to Albright, however, are not merely offensive; they cross every conceivable red line and could even, by diffusing the American pressure on Arafat to curb terrorism, lead to grave consequences.

The task of convincing Arafat that keeping the terror optioo opeo will oot advance his goals and will in fact defeat them - is not an easy one. There are no guarantees of success. Albright, Weizman, and others are correct that Israel, too, has tough decisions ahead, even if the threat of terrorism is removed. But Albright is also correct when she demands that Arafat's commitment to combat terrorism be implemented immediately and unconditionally. By detracting from her focus on terrorism and inviting pressure on Israel, Weizman not only overstepped all measures of propriety, he made the peace



# The healing US influence

**ABBA EBAN** 

Dublic opinion surveys have always shown that support for the Oslo peace process is

**OPINION** 

greater than the combined strength of any two or three political parties. This reality came to expression in Foreign Minister David Levy's warning this week that he "would not remain in a government that would destroy the peace." There is probably a majority in the Knesset that shares this view.

This means that if any of the parties intends to use the current crisis to jettison treaty obligations, it may have to revise its thinking. The more so if the US position is still firmly anchored in the principle of exchanging captured terri-tories for durable peace.

Enthusiasm for Oslo is understandably not at a record height today. But it is sustained by the total absence of any alternative and by the certainty that other formulas would quench the only realistic prospect that has illuminated Israeli life since the unforgotten White House encounter in 1993. The nation is simply not in a mood to ahandon the Oslo Accords. Uotil recently, Israel always had

to seek its alliances far outside the Middle East, In World War 1, the auspices were British. After World War II, the UN in a rare surge of US-Soviet cooperation gave a decisive impulse to the recognition of Israel as a sovereign nation\_ For a "brief shining moment" in

the 1950s, France supplied the

that made victories possible. In all the ensuing decades, the US has supported Israel's security with unflagging vigilance and constan-

The Rabin and Peres administrations were the first to remind Israelis that no extraneous friendship, however warm, can compen-

# Both parties must move. Neither has the option of standing still

sate for the absence of a harmonious regional order. The priority of regional concern

seems to have receded since our recent election. While it lasted the results were sensational. Within a single year, we had peace treaties with Egypt and Jordan, relations at various diplomatic levels with Morocco, Tunisia, Oman. Qatar, and Mauritania, and enhanced relations with Turkey, together with the effective suspension of the Arab economic boycott.

The European Union - our chief market for expanding trade and technological support - also developed a creative diplomatic role. Economic conferences at Casablanca, Amman, Cairo, and Washington brought bankers. industrialists, and economic experts together to examine serious regional projects. There was weaponry and strategic deterrent an improved environment for

Israel in the Vatican and the UN. It is outrageous for A.M. Rosenthal to write in The New Yark Times that "Egypt's idea of peace is nastiness and insult." Those who profess friendship for Israel should not pollute the air with their undisciplined virulence.

THE unraveling of these achievements has been dramatic. It cannot be overcome by appeals to one of the parties alone. The movement for peace began with Egypt and could not have begun anywhere else, Egypt is now irascible; Jordan is alienated; Morocco does not welcome Israeli leaders; Qatar is reluctant to assemble investors; the members of the EU are puzzled by the vagaries of

Israeli policies. It is sad to reflect that our most consensual hour may be behind

us, not ahead of us. The achievements of 1996 could not bave collapsed without negative "contributions" from the Palestinian and Israeli leadership alike. The key to success for Madeleine Albright's mission is convergence. Both parties must move; neither has the option of standing still.

Yasser Arafat is the principal address to whom Albright must turn for remedy and change, but the idea that peace can be reconstructed on the basis of a virtually imprisoned Palestinian population, held in a squalid vice of economic decay and administrative subjection, is too grotesque for the imagination to sustain. The punitive measures imposed since the Mahaneh Yehuda tragedy were always disproportionate and unselective.

American interests are one of the major considerations now at issue. The peace process could never have developed any dynamism without active US sponsorship. Both parties, Israeli and Palestinian, were the beneficiaries of its early successes. Arafat's embrace of a Hamas leader was an error of grandiose proportions. It violated every canon of sanity, decency, and common sense.

The readiness of the US to enter the complexities of this situation did not come a single day too soon. In the present alignments of world power, there is no substitute for the moderating, pragmatic, and potentially healing exercise of American influence. Nothing could be more perilous than for any party to represent the US as impotent or lack-

ing in reach. Whichever of them takes that risk will incur dire responsibility and heavy international guilt.

The writer is a former foreign minister.

Friday, September 12, 1997 The Jerusalem Post

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## **REPROACHFUL CLAIMS**

#### Sir. - Accolades are due to The Jerusalem Post for their fine investigative reporting and up to date news! I was struck dumb at reading in (Sept. 9) that the virtuous Dutch have been detected silently sitting on billions of "unclaimed" Jewish capital for over half a century and that, therefore, their repeated reproachful claims that our miserable pensions are being paid by the Dutch taxpayer are an infamy.

DR. MARGE E. LANDSBERG Haifa.

### OUT OF TUNE

Sir, - World-wide prominent Agence France Press distributed the photograph of an Amal militiaman holding the decapitated head of an Israeli commando killed in Lebanon (Sept 8). Very few publications used the picture. The Saudi-sponsored London based English language Al-Hayat, which is simultaneously published throughout the Middle East and in the United States, ran it as did several papers in the Palestinian Authority areas.

editor-in-chief Al-Hayat's explained the decision to run the picture resulted from its having come from a widely distributed press service and it was believed that others would publish it. Clearly. Al-Hayat is out of tune with the publishing standards of most of the world. of broadened gender roles and the coocept of directing the chil-

60 years ago: On September

12, 1937, The Palestine Past

reported that at Geneva the

League of Nations Council had

appointed a small, special com-

mittee to report on the Mandates

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FROM OUR ARCHIVES

JOSEPH LERNER Jerusalem.

# **OFF THE HOOKS**

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Sir, - Alan Dersbowitz admitdefense lawyers see their job as tance that he thinks it more getting their clients off the book, interesting to defend a guilty even if they murdered their own person (Aug. 14) and his taste for films where good and evil mother.

Alan Dershowitz, with his prominence, could perhaps be inflocatial in steering these practices back towards a more reasonable interpretation of the lawn. Instead he cynically exploits its flaws for those criminals who are able to pay his fees and have the most to lose.

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enough, nowadays Kihbutz Tel Yosef.

#### **GUYS AND DOLLS**

Sir, - I read with great interest celved as specific for each sex, I Allison Kaplan Sommer's article would subscribe that the pro-"Guys and dolls, girls and trucks" grams in the Center need not (Sept. 10) in which she reports on divide the groups according to the program at the WIZO day-care sex. center in Tel Aviv.

I think that the two-year-old This WIZO center is pioneerboys and girls should participate ing a program promoting equal together in these gronps. Also, at opportunity for men and women this age, there is no reason why starting from the earliest of ages. the boys and girls cannot play The staffers at this center soccer in a mixed group and be encourage the children to particcheerleaders also in a mixed ipate in activities outside the stereotypes of their sexes such as

If, at the age of two, we already separate the sexes in play group of two-year-old boys groups, it seems to me that we hathing bahy dolls and a group of girls of the same age husy at a are sending a message to the children that their roles and place construction site, sawing wood in society can only be separate and different. While I most certainly do

SHEILA WARSHAWSKY dren to activities previously con- Omer.

omehow, the notion has arisen that the peace process has I reached the point where Israel

and the Palestinians must choose between continuing along the path Palestinians whenever real permaof the interim agreement, as charted nent status talks actually began. in Oslo, or moving quickly to per-

manent status negotiations. For the record, the Palestinians now prefer the former, the Israeli government - insisting that Oslo has run its course - advocates the latter, and US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, like the proverbial rabbi in the old Jewish folktale, says, in effect, "You're both right.'

Albright is right, too, because the two choices present a false contradiction.

Again for the record, the Declaration of Principles states that permanent status negotiations are to begin as soon as possible, but not later than the third year of the interim period, and to be completed hy the end of the five-year transitional period.

The Labor government was in no hurry to begin these negotiations, although the Palestinians were initially eager to move ahead. Indeed, the first session on permanent status was con-vened only in May 1996, and it was nothing more than a ceremonial occasion meant to ensure that the DOP timetable was met.

Immediately after the elections, the Likud government initially adopted a similar approach. This seems to have been based on the assumption that withholding progress toward the permanent status agreement the Palestinians wanted was a pressure tactic that somehow worked to Israel's advantage.

Homa did both sides begin to appreciate that implementation of the interim agreement, especially the sections dealing with further

ball fans at Dodger Stadium say the firing of one of the park's most venerable characters seems so Dutty.

Peanut vendor Richard Aller. whose gravel-voiced cry of "Nuts!" has echoed through the ballpark since the day it opened, complains that he has been kicked out for misappropriation of

# Specifically, he says, he pur-

He says the concessionaire who dismissed him considers that against the rules. That has prompted cries of

"Foul!" from fans in the section

where he worked, who say Aller's for five or six games. But I can't noisy, good-naturedly caustic style is part of the joy of visiting

"People get season tickets just to be in his section." said one fan. Aller, 54, acknowledges he violated regulations by buying peanuts from other vendors and reselling them. But he contends that the punishment hardly fits the crime.

'I can see being warned not to do it again, or maybe suspended Vear

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subject to negotiation, but denial of the general principle means denial of the possibility of any agreement at all.

Much evidence, including even Netanyahu's "Allon-plus" plan, testifies to the fact that this reality has already permeated the think-ing of all sides. Consequently, peither redeployments short of the 80%-85% of the West Bank which the Palestinians will ultimately get nor continuing construction elsewhere are really prejudicial to either side's bargaining position. And this suggests a temporary understanding between the two sides that can make serious permanent status negotiations possible now: either to freeze both construction and redeployment, or 10 proceed with both.

But the important thing is to get serious talks moving. The original Oslo timetable may not mean much. Target dates have already been missed. Yitzhak Rabin himself argued that no dates are sacred, and there even is something illogical about a prior commitment to complete negotiations hy a specific time.

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But if that timetable means anything at all, then the argument about accelerating the negotiations is already beside the point. The talks were supposed to begin well over a year ago, and they are supposed to be finished in less than 20 months.

It is not yet clear what Albright is taking hack from her visit here. But it is clear what she should be leaving behind: a cordial invitation to hoth sides to come to Washington with two maps and enough clean clothes to last them until they can go home with one.

The writer is senior research associate at the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University.

see being fired after 38 years for one offense," he said.

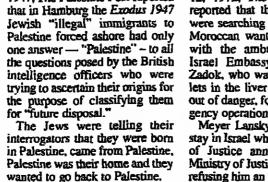
Fans began lobbying for Aller, and the issue has reached the baseball team itself, which promised to look into the matter.

Aller, who turned his back on a career as a history teacher to hawk nuts, has been doing it since 1959. He sells about 300 bags per game, enough to earn about \$13,000 a

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Meyer Lansky lost his fight to stay in Israel when the High Court of Justice announced that the Ministry of Justice was justified in refusing him an immigrant status. Israel's Harvey Prizes were set up at the Technion.

Alexander Zvielli

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# MARK A. HELLER

A false contradiction

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become such a neuralgic issue, not because the pace of physical This is why Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu began to call for accelerated negotiations, before further assets were given away, and why Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat began to act as if those negotiations were at the very bottom of his list of priorities. It is also why

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Arafat cannot easily endorse

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pretations are wrong, because the

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ment might suggest. It is already clear that Palestinians will not

give up Areas A and B. It is also

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blocs around Jerusalem or in

western Samaria and that it will

insist on some kind of special

status for the Jordan Valley that

will probably permit the mainte-

nance of the settlements there, as

For the most part, such inter-

all these interim agreement issues have become so much more contentious and problematic, and why the process of gradualism, which was supposed to build mutual confidence, has instead destroyed it. EVER since the obstacle of

mutual recognition was overcome at Oslo, the essential problem has remained the same: to define the territorial limits (and functional authority) of the Palestinian state.

An agreed boundary subsumes most of the other permanent status issues, hut in the absence of any shared notion of how this question will be dealt with, the further redeployments and other

arrangements in the interim period are perceived hy hoth sides as shaping a reality that will strongly influence, if not predetermine, the shape of the

As for the rest of Area C, it is already clear that most of it will permanent status agreement. eventually be included in the This is particularly true with Palestinian state - subject to satisrespect to settlements, which are factory security arrangements. the most established of all facts The exact percentages are still

# Only after Hebron and Har

# **NEWSinFOCUS** The Jerusalem Post Friday, September 12, 1997 Madeleine Albright – Superwoman or Sisyphus?

As Israelis and Palestinians cast about for a way out of the mire, all eyes are focused on the US secretary of state. Abraham Rabinovich reports.

ould the ocw schoolmarm smack her ruler on the desk to get the class's attention and perhaps twist an ear or two? Or would she try sweet reason on the unruly louts?

Rarely has a visit here by an American secretary of state been so eagerly anticipated as was Madeleine Albright's this week. In part, it was an expectation whetted by abstinence - Albright's decision to keep away from this trouble spot during her first eight months in office, in the futile hope that the parties involved might meanwhile begin to get their act

But in greater part, Albright is being watched with such interest because neither the Israelis oor the Palestinians, left to themselves, appear to have the faintest idea of where to go from here, except on to ever greater conflict. Surliness and a whiff of despair hang over the land. "Her major objective will be to

"Albright's major objective will be to reestablish the rules of engagement in israeli-Palestinian negotiations. I don't think it's hopeless"

- Prof. Asher Susser, **Tel Aviv University** 

reestablish the rules of engagement in Israeli-Palestinian negotiations," said Prof. Asher Susser of Tel Aviv University this week. "I don't think it's hopeless." The receot terror bombings have oliged Albright to place

by Arafat on Hamas will lead to people perceiving bim as a collaborator with Israel rather than as an equal partner in the peace process. Rabinovich stressed that Albright's visit must be seen in the broad Middle East context rather

than within the confines of the Israeli-Palestinian dispute. The former ambassador pointed to the upcoming meetings of foreign ministers of the Gulf states and the Arab League, as well as to American interests regarding Iraq and Iran.

"If the US is seen as simply being on Israel's side, it's not going to help American policy," be said.

In any case, the classic ritual where expectations are deliberatelv lowered before a diplomatic visit was rendered almost unnecessary by this summer's suicide bombings in Jerusalem, Rabinovich said, adding, "This time, lowered expectations are very well warranted."

Albright may bave fantasized about coming to the Middle East to oudge the stalled peace process into a forward momentum, and then riding it downhill into a sunlit valley with the wind in her hair. Instead, in an atmosphere made beavy by the total distrust betweeo Prime Minister Bioyamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, sbe faced the awful prospect of becoming a diplomatic Sisyphus, trying again and again to push the peace process up a steep slope, only to see it roll back down before it crests.

PROF. SHLOMO AVINERI of the Hebrew University, a former Foreign Ministry director-general, knew Albright when she was a professor of political science at Georgetown. He worked with her on an international observer delegation to the first post-communist electioos in Czechoslovakia 'in 1990.

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Will Washingtoo leave Israel and pressure, if the Clinton administradevices? Will it apply pressure on says, it will likely not take the form those it deems guilty? of blunt confrontation but rather

believes, make it unlikely that will take leave of the region next Washington will walk away. As for week with enough items on her

check list ticked off to warrant a ann Aisir – Dut out any resonating breakthrough. "Something positive, but very minor, is likely to bappen," he anticipated.

Noting Albright's plans to address high school students io both camps during her brief visit, Avineri belleved it was the secre tary's intention to appeal over the beads of Netanyahu and Arafat to their peoples - particularly the youth, who, in the end, will do the dying if the peace process fails. He feels such an approach could change the nature of the internal debate in the country. Whatever her hesitations about coming to the Middle East until now, it seems likely that Madeleine Albright will become as familiar a figure in the region as her predecessors were, given the complexity of the region's problems and its importance to Washington. What is not yet clear is whether, when she emerges from her airplane next time, it will be as Sisyphus or superwoman.

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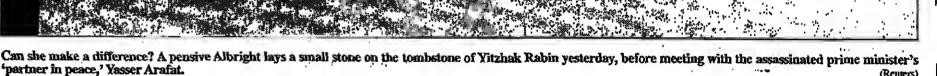
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an "evenhanded" approach. "American policy is, in a way, a victim of its own paradigm," said Prof. Itamar Rabinovich, Israel's ambassador to the US until last year. Washingtoo had decided before the recent suicide bombings to break the oegotiatiog deadlock with a formula placing the onus first on the Palestinians to curb terror. "It's now oot [just]

a slogan," said Rabinovich. But American pressure on the Palestinians will inevitably be followed by American pressure oo Israel. Without Israeli concessions, said Susser, an expert on

the Palestinians, any crackdown

exclusive focus initially on the compassioo," Avineri said in an security issue rather than project interview oo Wednesday. "1'm sure she will be very sensitive oot only to the Israeli govcrnment's demand for security, but to popular feeling in Isracl about security. On the other hand, I have oo doubt that she will be aware that the issue is not security, but the continuation of the Oslo process.

"Do you try to overcome crisis when things go wrong," Avineri asked, "or do yoo use a crisis like terrorism - as an alibi for scattling the whole process?

"Netanyahu's government has done the latter, and my feeling is that Albright will very clearly present him with a stark question:

the West Bank and Gaza Strip?

"If the answer is yes, then you continue to negotiate and work out a mechanism that makes this possible." The political science professor does oot think a bald "no" is likely,

Avineri expected Albright to be tough with Arafat as well.

"Sbe will want to find out if he is prepared not only for more security cooperation, but to reach out to the Israeli public, which has to be reassured. She will want to know whether Arafat's public embrace of Hamas leaders means that he wishes, through a public gesture, to include them in the peace process

- which is an option - or whether it is a signal to Hamas that says, 'I Albright faces the awful prospect of becoming a diplomatic Sisyphus, trying again and again to push the peace process up a steep slope, only to see it roll back down before it crests.

Rabinovich sees two opposing schools of thought in Washington on the let-them-stew-in-their-ownjuice option. The terrorist bombings, he

gentle expressions of displeasure ---a UN veto omitted here or there, perhaps a rumor of planned cutbacks in financial assistance. In Rabinovich's view, Albright

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AVINERI BELIEVES the secretary came here to test the will for peace on both sides. "If such will doesn't exist, no American government has a

cbance," he said. The Americans had oo role in Anwar Sadat's visit to Israel, he noted, nor in the Isracli-Jordanian peace initiative, nor in the Oslo agreement. "America was never successful

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at initiating a peace process. But when there is political will on both sides, the US is extremely important as a facilitator."

# Feeling fed up with Arafat

In many ways, these bomb-ings begin to approach the arrocity of a concentration camp. No one could blame the people of Israel if they decide that they cannot continue peace negotiations under these circumstances. "My view is that it takes two parties to pursue peace, and both parties must want peace. I had thought up to this point that Yasser Arafat wants peace. 1 must say, honesily, I no longer believe that to be the case."

Following last Thursday's Ben-Yehuda Street bombings, the above appeared in a statement issued by a prominent member of Congress but not by a consistent critic of the PLO like House Speaker Newt Gingrich or Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman Jesse Helms, both Republicans; and not by a skeptic like Democratic Senator Joseph Lieberman.

The author was California Senator Dianne Feinstein, uotil now a leading supporter of the peace process.

Feinstein says that viewing the television images of the casualties was one ugly experience too many, especially after Arafat's now-infamous embrace of Hamas leader Abdel Aziz Rantisi in Gaza two weeks earlier.

That hug undermined the PLO's already shaky image in Congress, say lawmakers and observers.

Many of the condemnations issued by members of Congress after the bombings went beyond the usual outrage. They called both for an immediate cut-off of aid to the Palestinian Authority and a reassessment of the US's involvement with Arafat.

The latest suicide bombings, coupled with the PA chairman's public embrace of a Hamas leader, may prompt Congress to demand a heavier hand against the PA, Hillel Kuttler writes from Washington.

Feinstein also expressed the view prevailing on Capitol Hill even before the recent attack. when she stated that Congress should not renew the now-lapsed Middle East Peace Facilitation Act (MEPFA), the law governing US relations with the PLO. While very little of the roughly

\$100 million in annual US assistance to the Palestinians goes directly to the PA, Congress made its point that Arafat has crossed a dangerous threshold. A senior US official said that following Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's visit to the region this week, the administration would approach Congress about legislating a new MEPFA.

"I think [Arafat's] standing [on Capitol Hill] is pretty much at an all-time low since we opened a dialogue with the Palestinians, because the general feeling in Congress is that he's oot going after terrorists," says New York congressman Eliot Engel, a Democrat. "I think the bombings have cast a whole new light on the whole process.

Last month, Engel participated in the most recent congressional

delegation to visit Arafat, a day after the PA leader's embrace of Rantisi made front pages around the world, and three weeks after the Mahaneh Yehuda bombing. Engel says that he told Arafat he "wasn't doing nearly enough to confront Islamic terrorism." adding that "for him to embrace Rantisi, so soon after the bombing, was a disgrace.

"We're at the end of the line here." Engel states. "Yasser Arafat and the PA have a fundamental choice to make: Do they want the peace process to continue? If they

do, he has to go after terrorists. "And then we'll have a reassessment here in Washington, in terms of assistance to the PA. The ball's m his court .... I'm not trying to set the threshold so high. I believe in the peace process, but I don't think that Arafat's been playing it straight, I don't think there's any tolerance or patience for that anymore."

A pro-Israel lobbyist called the Arafat-Rantisi bug "a watershed event for Congress. Most people I've spoken to on the Hill reacted the same way: Enough," he said "Up to now, there's been a toler-

ance of this stuff. The combination of that meeting in Gaza, with the bombing, has made people feel it's untenable. There'd been a sense things would be okay. Now there's not. There's a sense maybe the guy's not serious."

In statements and letters to Albright after the latest bombing, several members of Congress pressed the secretary to get tough with Arafat this week and keep security concerns front and center on the agenda.

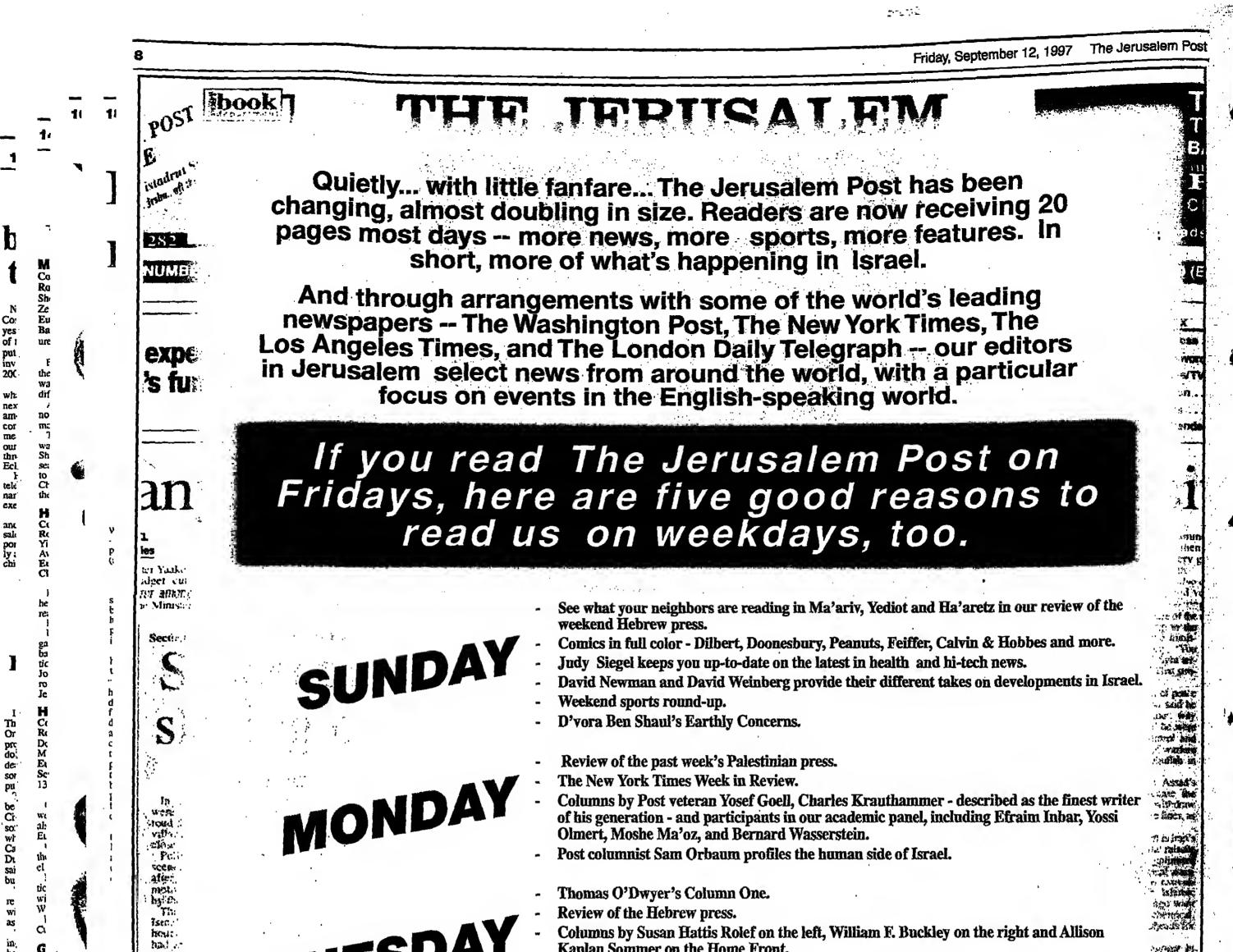
Congress's bipartisan leadership Gingrich and Senate majority leader Trent Lott, along with minority leaders Tom Daschle in the Senate and Richard Gephardt in the House - co-authored a letter to Albright stating that if the Palestinians do not adopt the antiterrorism steps she demanded in her August 6 speech, "the US has little else to talk to them about.

"Arafat and the leaders of the PA. must live up to their solemn obligation or risk an end to the relationship with and support of the US," they warned.

CONGRESSIONAL expectations for Albright's trip are low. Feinstein believes the visit could prove a success if it renews Israeli-Palestinian security cooperation and if terrorist attacks cease. Hank Brown, a Republican who chaired the Near East subcommittee before leaving the Senate for academia this year, feels that merely by traveling to the region, Albright's trip is encouraging because it shows the US is "engaged" in the peace process.

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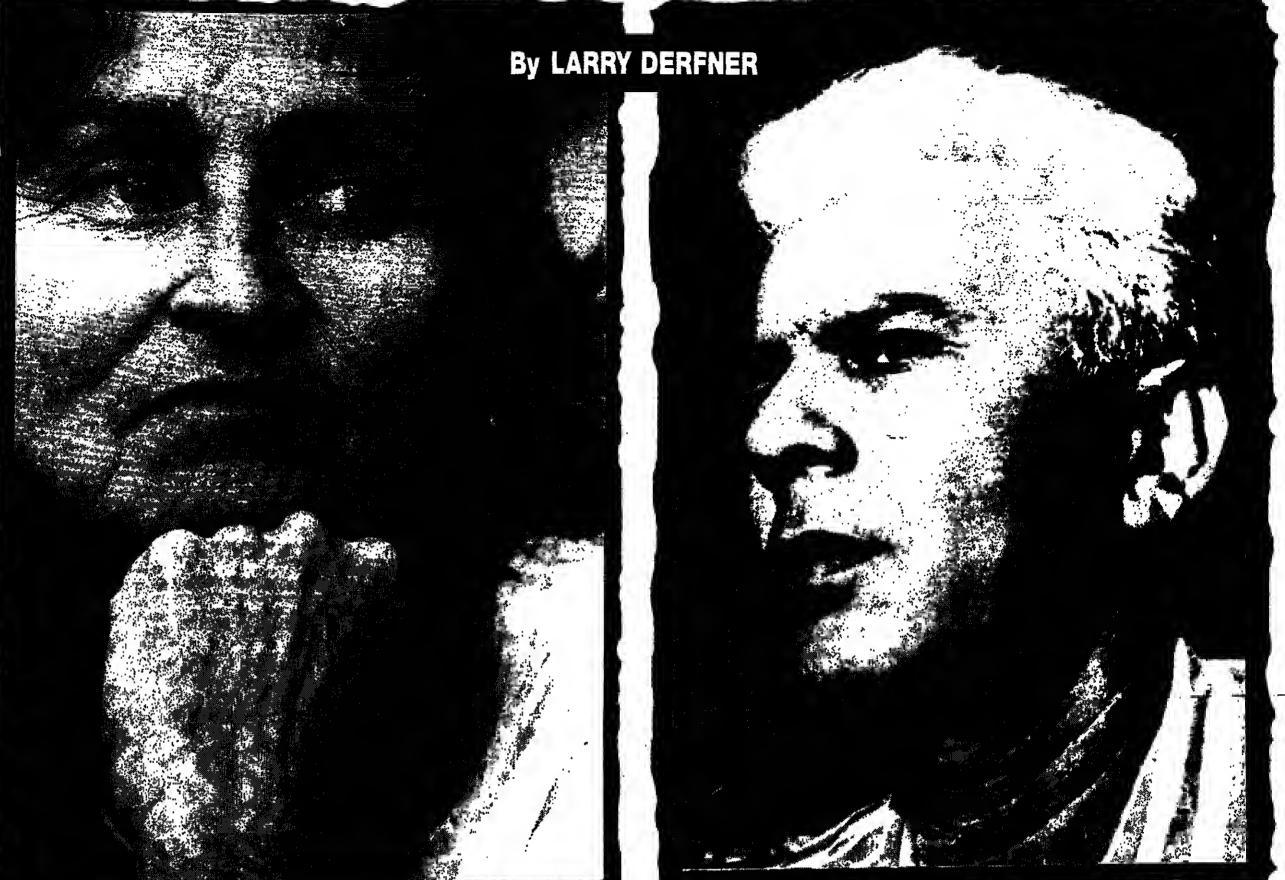
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Living near the border and with a son defending the area, Rahel Keinan has many questions and no certainties. But her feeling is growing that the IDF must pack up and leave the Security Zone

riving home recently from the IDF ceremony where her son, Adi, 21, was inducted as a fighter in an elite unit now serving in Lebanon, Rahel Keinan said to him: "I think what you're doing is very important, but I'm not sure the problem can't be solved another way." "He got very mad at me," recalls Keinan, "and said, 'Mother, don't you understand? If I'm not willing to defend this area, who will?"

The Keinans live on Kibbutz Eilon in western Galilee, about 1.5 km from the border with Lebanon. A couple of years ago their other son, Harel, also served in an clite unit-in Lebanon. "I was very impressed by the way Adi

talked," said Keinan, 51, in her jewelrymaking studin on the kibbutz. But despite her pride, her conflicts and doubts, she's come to the conclusion that Adi, and all the other Israeli soldiers, have to pack up and leave the Security Zone in south Lehanon. She's one of the residents of the north who experience the conflict from both

sides: they are vulnerable to falling Katyushas, and also send their sons over the border to fight. But Keinan says the Katyushas don't worry her nobody on Eilon has ever been injured by one. Most land in the fields. The worst damage a Katyusha ever did was destroy a kibbutz tractor. She rarely even goes down into the bomb shelter. Her fear is for her sons. Until Harel went up to Lebanon, Keinan says she minaged to avoid thinking about the war. Then she began to think: 'It's the soldiers' job to defend civilians, yes, but you have to balance that against the price we're paying. So many soldiers are being killed. Why aren't their lives

as valuable as those of civilians?" After finishing his tour of duty in Lebanon, she says, Harel "just wanted to get the hell out of here for awhile." He's now traveling in the US with two other soldiers from his unit "elearing their heads," in the Israeli vernacular. On the subject of Lebanon, Keinan, a Prace Now supporter, treads carefully, not certain even whether to talk pnblicly about withdrawal.

"My son doesn't like me to talk about il," she says. "The soldiers get brainu, sne says, the sourcers get oram-washed up there. Your mission is to detend the north, they're told. And it's detend the norm, they ie told, and it's necessary. You can't be in Lebanon and fight if you don't believe in what you're doing. I know the more people talk about [withdrawal], the more demoralized the soldiers become. But the debate can't be stopped." Yet while she goes to demonstrations

supporting peace with the Palestinians, Keinan rejects her adolescent daughter's urgings that she join the other mothers protesting at highway intersections for a pullout from Lebanon. Sbe doesn't want to put Adi in an uncomfortable position. Keinan also says she would not talk about her opinions in a Hebrew-language newspaper likely to he read by soldiers in the security zone. "I'm aware," she continues, "that if we pull out, it could be taken as defeatism.

But even if we're 'putting our tails between our legs,' this has to balanced against the number of victims, and the feeling of some young people who-ask, "Why should we live in a country that we always have to fight and die for?""

(She notes, however, that neither Harel nor Adi shares this attitude.) Just pulling out could be damaging to Israel, she acknowledges, but points out that Lebanon is not her country. "Look, it's a problem," Keinan con-

tinues, 'If it was so simple, it would have been solved long ago. It's like choosing between polio and cholera." Keinan allows that if the IDF pulls out, Hizbullah could well carry out a massacre of of soldiers in the South Lebanese Army militia, Israel's ally in the security zone. 'On the one hand that's wrong. On the other hand, is it our job to protect them?" she asks. She has yet to come up with an answer.

Keinan remembers the way Katyushas fell daily around Kibbutz Eilon in the late '70s and early '80s, and is not prepared to go back to that time. But she also suspects that Israel is "locked into a concept" that the north can only be defended from inside Lebanon.

"I'm not a politician, I'm not an expert," she says, but notes that Israel's defense technology has improved greatly in the last 20 years. "This has to make a difference," she says. "Hizbullah was only founded when the IDF went into Lebanon [in 1982]. If the IDF left, maybe Hizbullah would be satisfied." Keinan is ready to give the Golan Heights back to Syria, and suggests that the IDF's withdrawal from Lebanon would be a "signal" to Hafez Assad. Beyond this, she says, international or. preferably, American troops could be placed in the security zone as peace-

keepers. We might be able to pull out gradually, with security guarantees along the way," she says. "And if it didn't work, we're strong enough to go back in. At least we have to give it a try."

Keinan has many questions and no certainties.

She just insists that the need to stay in the security zone is no certainty, either. "Israelis didn'ı ask these kinds of questions when they thought they would

always have war. They thought, 'How can we show weakness?' But in the last few years, when people hegan to think that peace was possible, they began to change. Once they thought, 'It's good to die for one's country.' Now it's, 'Yes, hut up to a certain point.' Our lives have become very important to us."

"It's a gamble," she admits. "I don't know what's going to happen if we try to get nut, but I know that this war is too horrible to just keep going on."

Across party lines

Like debate over whether to with-draw IDF soldiers from the Security Zone in south Lebanon or whether to keep them in place sur-faced again this past February after the helicopter crash that killed 73 soldiers on their way to the fighting. Four mothers of soldiers serving in Lebenon began protesting at highway intersections, calling for inilianal with drawal, saying the price of staying in the zone was too high. Some 200 soldiers have been killed in

the fighting since the zone was estab-lished at the end of the 1982-85 Lebanon War. Handreds of other soldiers have been killed in Lebanon-related accidents, like the belicopter crash. A couple of weeks after the crash the

A couple of weeks and, included But national debate over Lebanon subsided But it resumed more intensely and with wider support after the deaths a week ago of 12 navy commandos during a landing north of the Security Zone for a raid on Hizbullah guerrillas. The four mothers say some 10,000 israelis have signed a pethon they drew up calling for a unilateral withdhawal.

The movement now also has a leader -Labor MK Yossi Beilin. "Security officials, including [some] in Northern Command, very senior officials, think as I do but don't say so publicly - and rightly so - because they don't want to go up against the political echelon," Beilin has been quoted as saying. Likud Science Minister Michael Eitan

and MK Gideon Ezra have also come out for unitateral withdrawal, arguing that Israel could defend its citizens in the north more effectively, and at a lower costin lives, on the Israeli side of the border. 

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Shlomi's Yisrael Avakrat is incensed by the public debate over withdrawal. It has a devastating effect on soldiers' morale, says the council head of the northern development town

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to withdraw from Lebanon to come live here for awhile. It's no pleasure going underground at night with explosions going off all around you. You don't sleep. And while he's at it, Dr. [Yossi] Beilin shnuld also call for withdrawal from Mahaneh Yehuda. It's dangerous there, too."

Yisrael Avakrat, 54, is the local council head of Shlnmi, a development town of some 5,000 residents 6 km west of Kibbutz Eilon, about 1.5 km from the border. Sitting in his office, Likud party

architect of the Lebanon War, recently said he was open to the idea of withdrawal, but, when this was interpreted as support for the proposal, Sharon clarified that he only saw it as less risky than the traditional left-wing view - that Israel can only withdraw from Lebanon after making peace with Syria, which would mean giving up all of the Golan Heights. Sharon, however, is part of an emerging consensus that, until a political solution is found, the IDF must find a smarter, more "surgical" way of fighting in the zone, because the present military policy clearly carries too high a price. The argument for unilateral withdrawal has been criticized by Prime Minister Netanyahu, Labor Party chairman Ehud Barak, President Ezer Weizman and many politicians across the political

spectrum. "We all want to get out of Lebanon under the right conditions, but this basty talk of a quick exit under pressure only cocourages Hizbullah," Netanyahn said. Barak said Beilin's proposal "taints Labor with defeatism." Weizman said a withdrawal now would cause a rupture among the public. All insisted that no peace can be made in Lebanon without peace with Syria. They hold to the still existing, though weakening, consensus that if IDF soldiers leave the Security Zone, Hizbullah and other guernilla groups will be free to move to Israel's border and have an easier time shelling and infilmating the north.

With its intractability and steady cost in lives, the ongoing war in Lebanon has often been called Israel's Vietnam. One flaw in this analogy, however, is that Lebanon is not halfway across the globe Minister of Infrastructure Ariel Sharon. from Israel, but right next door. -L.D. 

member Avakrat points out the window: "You see the top of that hill? If we pull out of the Security Zone, Hizbullah will come down that hill and they won't leave a stone unturned in the Galilee." Like Kibbutz Eilon, Shlomi has been hit by plenty of Katyushas, hut no one here has ever been hurt. "A Katyusha hit one of the houses, but luckily nobody was home," Avakrat says.

His two sons, aged 24 and 27 - whom Avakrat identifies only as "E." and "N." - fought in Lebanon in recent years, and are liable to return as reserve soldiers. Avakrat says he experiences Lebanon both as a citizen living on the border and as a parent. He says he discusses the situation with his sons. "It's clear to them that we have the advantage by staying in the Security Zone. That's the way they felt before the deaths of the 12 navy commandos, and that's how they

feel now." Avakrat doesn't think the issue of withdrawal should be debated publicly. "Is this the time for a national debate on the issue, when the Israeli people are feeling depressed? This is for the political and military echelons alone to discuss. Hizbullah reads the newspa-

"I understand the mothers [calling for withdrawal] and I don't want to get into an argument with them. Theirs is a very emotional attitude," he continues, "but I have to ask - did mothers of soldiers ask such questions during the Six Day War or the Yom Kippur War? They didn't. Tomorrow pilots will be questioning whether they should fly over Lebanon. The IDF is not a kindergarten."

Shlomi council head Avakrat believes that public airing of the controversy devastates the soldiers' morale. "What do those in favor of withdrawal want to tell a boy who's on patrol at night in Lebanon? The army is telling him, Look behind you [to the northern

Israeli settlements]. It's because of you that they can live.' Avakrat ticks off names of other north-

ern cities and settlements whose citizens have been killed in the past by terrorists infiltrating from Lebanon: Ma'alot, Kibbutz Margaliot, Nahariya. He recalls that before Israel went into Lebanon in 1982, "Once or twice a week the streets around here would be closed, schools elosed, and people didn't go to work because there were warnings that terror-ists might have infiltrated." It is only the IDF's presence in the Security Zone, Avakrat maintains, that prevents this from happening again. And he believes there is a military

solution for peace. "The IDF has to fight aggressively and creatively. As long as

we remain the strong ones, there will be an end to the fighting in Lebanon. I believe what happened to the navy commandos was an accident. With all the pain, this shouldn't shake our faith. What, people dnn't believe in the IDF nymore?

But he thinks Israel must extend the battle to Syria. "There's no choice, we have to hit Syria hard," he says, to show Assad that if he continues to let Hizbullah attack Israel, Syria will suf-

To those who call for withdrawal, Avakrat says, "Let them explain how we're supposed to do it. If we pull out today, it will be a surrender to Hizbullah and Syria. They'll take this as a sign of weakness, and it will serve as fuel for

Hizbullah's rockets.' As for the proposal that foreign peacekeeping troops be asked to take the IDF's place in the security zone, he says sarcastically, "It's a very good idea - for Switzerland,

There are many left-wing Ashkenazi kibbutzim alongside the many right-wing, mainly Sephardi, development towns and moshavim along the northern border. Does Avakrat sense political divisions in the area over the issue of withdrawal?

"No," be replies: "Here everyone belongs to the same party - 'The Confrontation Line.'



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Arafat's balancing act with terror

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Every morning you'll see IDF soldiers and Palestinian Authority police commanders discuss the coming day and take reports from the field. If demonstrations are planned in Gaza City or in Khan Yunis, the PA commander will tell his Israeli counterpart and both will plan ways to ensure that the protest doesn't get out of hand.

On August 27, IDF and PA police embarked on what security sources say was an unprecedented rescue exercise. The forces jointly simulated a road accident between a Palestinian vehicle and an Israeli car with 30 injured on both sides. The exercise was conducted with what the sources say was a high degree of professionalism.

Not surprisingly, many IDF com-manders have little but good to say about PA field officers. "There are ups and downs, but the level of cooperation is clearly good and reasonable, and this is what stands as the basis for the quiet and security we have today," outgoing IDF OC Southern Command Maj.-Gen. Shlomo Yannai says.

Now for the bad part.

When it comes to sharing intelligence information on Islamic extremists or discovering terrorist plots before they are carried out, the PA is simply nowhere to be found.

At security meetings, PA representatives remain largely silent, writing down tips from their Israeli counterparts but rarely volunteering any information. Intelligence sharing is not based

on sentimentality or goodwill," a senior Israeli intelligence officer says. "It is based on shared interests. I need something and you need something. You give me what I need, and I give you what you need. There is little of that in the Israeli-Palestinian relationship. They don't need us to tell them about Hamas or Jihad."

A typical session of a security cooperation meeting begins with both sides discussing terrorist alerts. Israel demands the arrest of certain Hamas and Islamic Jihad suspects or inquires on the whereabouts of fugitives believed hiding in PA-controlled areas. In short, the Israelis provide the information and charges and expect the Palestinians to bring in the sus-The demanding attitude some-

When it comes to a joint fight against violence, there are stark and for Israel sobering - limits beyond which Arafat will not go. Steve Rodan investigates

times insults the Palestinians. "The Israelis have little respect for us," a PA security official who has participated in these meetings says. They are polite on the surface. But they clearly don't treat us as equals, rather as if they are our superior officers."

Lately the Palestinians have been responding more grudgingly than ever to requests for security action.

PA sources are certain that most of the 100 people arrested since the Ben-Yehuda Street bombings will ber released within days after US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright leaves the Middle East. PA security agents told some relaoves that the detainees were not suspected of terrorism, but had been picked up for political rea-SONS

Not surprisingly, the Islamic groups bave played along, and are brazen. "I am PA security confident that the PA is acting with wisdom and will not arrest more **israel** on Hamas activists," Hamas leader Abdel Aziz Rant-

is out of reach. doesn't Arafat fight ter-

rorism? Palestinian security officials say he does. The difference is that Arafat is doing what any leader of a nation would: First he focuses on the threats to his own regime. If they match those of other nations, then, under certain circumstances, he will share information and demonstrate cooperation.

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If his interests don't demand that he take action, Arafat will appear sympathetic, but do little.

As Arafat sees it, the more force he uses against Hamas, the greater will be the erosion in his popularity. During his 30 years as head of the PLO, Arafat has watched the fall of such leaders as Egypt's Anwar Sadat, who was assassinated, the toppling of the Shah of Iran, the execution of Romania's

Ceausescu and the stepping aside of the Soviet Union's Gorbachev men who, the PA chief believes, mistakenly placed their need to curry favor with the West above their interest in remaining popular at home.

The problem between the Palestinian Authority and government of Israel is that the Israelis want to put security before a political solution," Arafat's strategic adviser Hani Hassan says. "That means you have to destroy everything before there is a political solution.

Palestinian security agencies are most active when they try to quash dissent or take over an institution. Suspects are quickly arrested, and interrogation methods are brutal. There are no

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trials and little **Privately, some** publicity. It is a description that fits what prime minister forces say real Yitzhak Rabin thought could cooperation with be an advantage in cooperating Arafat. counterterrorism Palestinians'

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extremists and terrorism are different. The only real confrontation with Hamas and Islamic Jihad - in November 1994, when 14 militants were killed after Friday mosque prayers - was too bloody for Arafat to repeat. Arab and Islamic reaction was so fierce that Palestinians feared countries like Iran, Syria or Sudan would pay to

have PA leaders assassinated. The gap between the Israeli and Palestinian positions and interests

she has all but given up on Arafat taking a strong stand against

Hamas and Islamic Jihad. They maintain that the secretary is concentrating instead on trying to bring about a resumption of Israeh-Syrian peace talks.

Palesdnian officials say that hopes for security cooperation represent one of the biggest misunderstandings of the 1993 Oslo Agreements. They acknowledged at Oslo, and at subsequent meetings, that Arafat would never fight terrorism in a way that would risk his popularity. He would do it his way, they said.

Some PA officials also complain that Israel is expecting instant results.

They point to a long bumpy his-tory of US-Israel intelligence cooperation. Israel sought information-sharing since the beginning of statehood, but it took the CIA until the laze 1950s to start cooperating, after the Mossad gave Washington valuable information on the Soviet Union.

The Palestinians note that the US didn't cooperate with Israel in counterterrorism efforts until the late 1980s, when the CIA determined that both countries were threatened by Islamic militancy.

Israeli intelligence cooperation with Arab countries is meager. Israeli and Palestinian officials say. Israeli-Jordanian security ties are excellent. But Egypt and Israel do not have such a relationship. despite the fact that Islamic fundamentalists threaten both countries. In the early days of the Oslo process, Israeli politicians and some security officials were convinced that Arafat and Israel had a shared interest when it came to Hamas. As they saw it, Hamas

threatened Arafat's rule and was responsible for terrorism inside Israel. Therefore the basis of a joint campaign was there.

Security officials with long memories hoped for a relationship based on personal loyalty, such as the one between Arafat's security chief Ali Hassan Salameb and the CIA's Robert Ames. During the 1970s, both men met secretly to discuss intelligence, suspected plots and ways to increase security for Americans in wartime Beirut.

The PLO provided help, but far more often betrayed and was in fighting terrorism is so wide that betrayed by the Americans. Albright is said to have quietly "Favors were done. Deals were decided not to make this the focus struck," write John and Janet Wallach in their 1990 book Arafat Diplomatic sources said after in the Eyes of the Beholder Albright's talks in Jerusalem that (Mandarin, London).

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Ben Yehuda pedestrian mall just after the triple suicide attack; the road seems bumpy for Israeli-Palestinian joint security efforts. (Ariel Jerozolimski)



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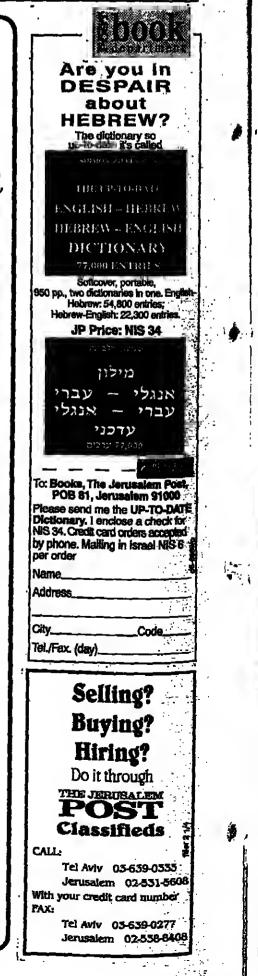
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# Mad Max returns

Jews," he said.

By AMOTZ ASA-EL

MIDDLE ISRAEL

The better ones among the Jews," said Czar Nicholas I's Education

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Minister Sergei Uvarov, "concede that a major cause of their misery is the Talmud." Most, if not all, haredi leaders are unlikely to have heard of

Uvarov, who some 150 years ago sought to reform the Jews of Czarist Russia by herding them into secular schools. Yet haredi Israel's response to Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman's intention to detach it from Middle Israel's nipple bas been largely similar to that met by Uvarov and his Jewish benchman, Max Lilienthal

Having shared a German background and a so-called "enlightened agenda," the two men found a common language as they set out to redeem the Jews from their material backwardness and spiritual despair. Only education, concluded Uvarov, would effectively undo the Talmud's impact. To achieve that, the czar had better

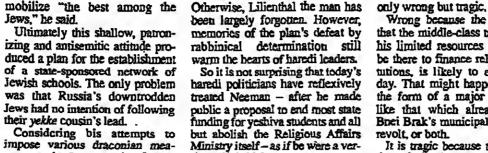




# By MOSHE KOHN

hen the talmodic sage Rabbi Gamliel II was president of the

Sanhedrin towards the end of the first century CE, he offered pay-ing jobs in the religio-judicial hierarchy to two impoverished scholars. They mined down the offer because, they said, they did



sures on the Jews, ranging from a prohibition on beard-growing to kidnapping little boys for 25 years of military service, Nicholas's educadonal scheme was worthy of all the antagonism it received from its intended beneficiaries.

For four years, Lilienthal and Uvarov tried to promote their plan to have German teachers re-educate what then was the world's largest Jewish community. When he saw his plans go awry, and after having been personally abused by the Jews of Minsk, Lilienthal tried to convince his friend Uvarov to impose the plan through legislation and brute force, an offer which, ironically, the Gentile rejected.

To make the long story short, at 29, Lilienthal cmigrated to America, where he became a Reform rabbi who carned some fame for his memorable declara-"America is our Zion." tion

would tell me to step down."

(Menahor 109b with the related

What a different world this

would be if more of those pre-

suming to lead the people in the

name of one or another of the

various religious or secular ethi-

cal and moral ideals were exam-

ples of sincere striving to live up

to those ideals, instead of being

exemplars of how easily we all

What a pobler Israel we would

be if, especially, more of those

who proclaim unreserved fidelity

to the teachings of the sages were

closer to being personifications of

those teachings, and the Torah on

which the teachings are based, and

surrender to temptation.

Tosafot commentary).

been largely forgotten. However, memories of the plan's defeat by rabbinical determination still warm the hearts of haredi leaders. So it is not surprising that today's haredi politicians have reflexively treated Neeman - after he made public a proposal to end most state funding for yeshiva students and all but abolish the Religious Affairs Ministry itself - as if be were a version of Mad Max.

However, while he is almost as lonely, idealistic and quixotic as Lilienthal was in his endeavor, Neeman is anything but the reincar-nation of that gullible sycophant. For one thing, unlike Lilienthal, Neeman is himself a strictly Orthodox Jew who can teach most of his haredi detractors any tractate of the Talmud. Secondly, Neeman's plan, unlike Lilienthal's in his time, is staunchly supported by the Jewish public. Thirdly, and most importantly, Neeman has no qualms about what happens within statefunded yeshiva walls. He simply wonders why their residents whose number last year alone shot up by 25 percent to 200,000 pupils won't foot some of their mition

bills the way university students do. For religious politicians, particu-larly Zionists, to disagree with

do so in terms of the whole per-

er of their faults. Then the wart on

son, oot in terms of one or anoth-

your fellow's face or in his per-

sonality or character shrinks to

insignificance, and you see the

beauty and the goodness of him

as a whole. (See L'kutei Batar L'kutei by Rabbi Shmuel Alter,

That is how some commentators

read the words of the Moabite

Balak hires the Aramean soothsay-

er Balaam to curse the Jews. Balaam

fails in his first attempt, explaining,

"I must be careful to speak only

commentators' somewhat free,

interpretative reading of the pas-

what God puts in my mouth." Balak then instructs him (in the

king Balak in Numbers 23:13.

Feldheim, 1951.)

Wrong because the assumption that the middle-class taxpayer and his limited resources will always be there to finance religious institutions, is likely to explode one day. That might happen either in the form of a major bankruptcy, like that which already plagues Boei Brak's municipality, or a tax revolt, or both.

COLUMNS

It is tragic because the idealization of clinging to state funds to ostensibly nurture man's link to God is neither Jewish nor moral. It is not Jewish because throughout the ages, lews dug ritual baths,

built synagogues, attended yeshivot, arranged weddings and tended cemetories without the state's involvement. It is absurd to assume that Israel's religious life should hinge on the state. Judging by historic precedent, no religious services would cease to exist should the state renege on funding them. If anything, such a change would allow the government to cut taxes, freeing more funds for the private sector with which m falfill all those functions in a much more cost-efficient way.

Nor is it moral. The vast majority of Israelis are opposed to this fiscal orgy. The meteoric proliferation of the nonworking work-age Neeman on these counts is out yeshiva student - from 1.2 percent

ADMITTEDLY, it is difficult for

us mortals to take such a holistic,

Eternity's-eye view of one another

Who characterizes the Zionist

left wing? Is it Ehud Adiv, former-

ly of Hashomer Hatza'ir kibbutz

Gan Shmuel, who served 13 years

in prison for high treason after joining Omar Naef Hawaunch's

Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine murder

gang in the early 1970s in order to

Or is it Uri Ilan, also from Gan Shmuel, who in 1954 was captured

by the Syrians while on an IDF

intelligence mission inside Syria

with four other soldiers, and com-

mitted suicide in prison for fear

on a day-to-day basis.

of the workforce in 1980 to nearly 2.5% today - must end, particular-ly in light of the fact that haredi children already comprise more than 5.5% of Israeli youngsters.

Don't their parents and rabbis wonder who will feed them once they grow up? Yaacov Neeman does.

Evidently, too many haredi leaders refuse to acknowledge that to sustain the levels of financial aid they currently receive from this society, they must at least join it in the two places where it is welded, for better and for worse: the army and the workplace.

Unlike the Czar's decree of a 25year military service at age 12. Neeman is proposing one month at age 24. And unlike Lilienthal, who sought to cripple rabbinic authority, Neeman's agenda is strictly economic: earn your bread yourself not only because the alternative is immoral but because it is unaffordable and, at any rate, ou someone else's account.

Apparently, the unified front that opposes' Neeman represents a bureaucratic class which thrives on the proliferation of patronage, while es of other religious people languish in ever-deepening poverty. Do baredi leaders really cxpect this glaring anomaly to last for-

eties of help - gratis, or at only a nominal charge - to all residents

of Israel, Jews and oon-Jews, reli-

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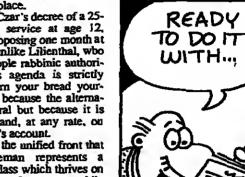
gious and non-religious alike?

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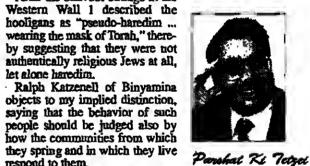
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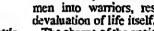
thus creating the vast empires we still remember. War was lauded praised. It is not by accident that "Of arms and strength do I sing," are the opening words of Virgil's Aeneid.

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The law of the heifer, appearing in the middle of the laws of war, provides a vasily different perspective on values in general and on the value of every human life is particular. All too often the speciacle of baule, the transformation of men into warriors, results in a

devaluation of life itself. When you go forth to battle The charge of the ancient as well as the modern warrior essentially made him indifferent to death; if he concentrated on the biographics of each cnemy, he might have found it impossible to play the part of the fearless soldier. It is far eas-(Deut. 21:10) ier to destroy a faceless enemy whose essendal humanity is temporarily forgotten.

By SHLOMO RISKIN



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lord it over people. Rabbi Gamliel said to them: "You think it is power I am offering you? I It is servitude I am asking you to assume!"

Few are the people we know who would turn down an offer of an office. Few, too, are the public officials we know - whether of the secular or of the religious stripe who regard their office as "servirude" rather than as an opportunity to fatten themselves or the sectarian interests they represent. Another sage, Rabbi Yehoshua

of boiling water over anyone who

ben Perahia, who headed the Sanhedrin hriefly during the Hasmonean period, pithily summed up the temptations of office, even for those who would bonestly and faithfully serve: "Previously, if anyone suggested that I assume high office, I felt like tying him up and throwing him to the lions. Now, I could pour a pot

fewer of them were run-of-the-mill not wish to be in a position to bounty-seekers distinguished from the others only by their covered heads and other ritual formalities.

"JUDGE ALL people favorably," is the accepted English translation of one of the teachings of the above-mentioned Rabbi Yeboshua ben Perahia (Pirkei Avot 1:6).

"Look at the good side of people," is another way of saying it. The original Hebrew text lends itself to a more literal, yet finer reading. Supporting the conventional reading, it also indicates how we may hone our ability to judge people thus. Literally, it says: "Judge the entire person favorably/Heh'vay dan et kol ha'adam lekaf zechut. Some commentators elaborate

this admonition as follows: Best of all, as Hillel teaches, don't judge your fellows before you have been in their place (Pirkei Avot 2:5). But if you must judge people,

that, under torture, be would betray sage): "Come with me to another his comrades and his country spot, from which you will be able to see them [the Jews], but only community?

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the extreme part of them and oot the whole of them: from there you are to curse them for me." Again Balaam repeatedly fails to

deliver. The early-19th-century hassidic leader Rabbi Menahem Mendel Morgenstern of Kotzk derived the following lesson from Balak's instruction: Indeed, by looking only at an extreme, unsavory part of the Jewish people, you will find something to curse, scoundrels and sinners to condemn. But you are not to judge the people by them; you must place these individual wrongdoers in the context of the entire people, and then you will see that the Jewish people as a whole is good. (See Emmet Mikotzk Titzmah, Netzah Publishers, Buei Brak, 1961.)

Who characterizes the haredi

Is it the few who throw rocks in Jerusalem's Bar-Ilan Street on Shabbat, with the active or tacit approval of other scores or sometimes hundreds of their fellow haredim: the dozeos who last Shavuot morning - again with the tacit or active approval of many fellow haredim, but also with the active disapproval of others jeered, shoved and threw refuse (some say including excrement) at non-Orthodox Jews holding a service at the far edge of the Western Wall Plaza; the thousands of men who neither are in the work force nor render any national service?

Or is it the thousands of haredim who do work, and, moreover, have initiated or volunteer in hundreds of cleemosynary associations extending countless vari-

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ceptual and lifestyle support of the community of which they are an integral part. The subsequent loud non-condemnation [of the hooligans] provides community legitimation of their approach."

He wrote: "These persons act

within the spiritual framework of

their environment, with the con-

Moreover, "Religions, philosophies, political views should not be judged only by their spiritual con-tent, or even by how their adherents behave [generally], but also by how they behave wheo they have the power and opportunity to put their beliefs into action."

How do our various Jewish ideological groups - religious and other - rate according to the criteria Katzenell suggests? How does the Arafatian commu-

nity rate? How are the rest of us to react

sensibly?

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against your enemies, [Ki tetzei lamilhama) and the Lord your God delivers them into your hands, and you carry them away captive .... "

ven before we reach the sec-ond verse of this week's Aportion of Ki Teitzeh, we are struck by a return to an earlier subject - war - which the text appeared to have left behind.

The laws governing warfare were introduced in last week's Torah portion, Shofrim: How to deal with fear and panic; what kinds of exemptions are giveo and to whom; how m lay sicge; if, when and how to take spoils.

First the Torah described various aspects of a war waged in selfdefense - known as milhemet mitzva or obligatory war. In verse 10 it proceeded to describe aspects of a voluntary war of offensedefense (milhemet reshut), emphasizing the necessity of attempting to make peace before seeding out the troops.

At the end of last week's portion, the Torah seemingly introduced a new subject: What happens when yon find a corpse in a field between two cities, and the murderer is unknown. The Bihle provides that the judges of the highest court determine the city closest to the corpse, and that the elders of that city break the neck of a heifer as a sacrifice, which must be brought m " ... a rough valley, which may neither be plowed nor sown .... " (Deut. 21:5)

Rashi explains that a heifer which never had offspring is brought to a site which never produced fruit to atone for the lost life of a person who was denied the opportunity to derive maximum benefit from his own fruits.

Upon reflection, concluding the portion of Shoftim with this passage is understandable, since the portion opened with the appointment of judges and officers. Bot why does the first verse of this week's portion (Ki Tetzei) return to the question of war?

IT SEEMS to me that the law of the "broken-necked heifer" is sandwiched between two sections on war to convey a crucial lesson concerning life and death.

On the surface, the laws dealing with war and the laws dealing with a discovered corpse are vastly different. Thousands die on a battlefield, while the corpse is one unidentified body. I believe that it is precisely this contrast to which the Torah wants to draw our attention.

The ancient world fought not \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* only wars of survival, warding off murderous hordes swooping through defenseless towns and villages, but often exulted in wars of expansion. Fighting became part of the culture, sometimes the very purpose of a nation's existence,

The Torah is disgusted by this phenomeoon. The Israelites must learn to be sensiove to individual life eveo in the midst of a war! Every corpse has an address. Hence between two discussions of battle, the Almighty turns to the loneliest figure of all - the corpse with no address - and not only demands that we pay attention to this body, but that the elders of the

city - the heart and the mind of the Jewish community - accept responsibility and atone for the loss. We dare not let ourselves become inured to human suffering; the Jewish people must never take a death casually, whether in war or peace.

Earlier in the portion of Re'eh, the Ohr Hahayim commeots on God's promise to the Jewish people to have compassion on us when we fulfill the commandment to destroy a completely idolatrous city. He sees it as a Divine guarantee that the Jews will remain a people with sensitivity even wheo they are commanded to take human lives. Even though a mass killing, such as the destruction of an idolatrous city, could foist a cruel blood-lust upon the Israelites, we

must pray that the Almighty grant that we never lose our fundamental compassion.

Tragically, we are living in an age in which scientific "progress" has made it possible for thousands and even millions to be destroyed in seconds. Mass media such as CNN allow us to view dozens of corpses almost every day. We even refer to the target of a terrorist attack or a military invasion as a casualty, but there is nothing casual about a corpse!

The entire Jewish world went into mourning and Haim Nahman Bialik composed his dirge "The City of Slaughter" after the Kishinev pogrom took less than 40 Jewish lives; yet the number six million now rolls off our tongues rather easily, even casually. My respected colleague and fellow Efrat resident, Yisrael Pivko, wrote that it would take six months - morning, noon and night - merely to count from one to 6,000,000.

It is crucial that we remember the lesson of the broken-necked heifer, especially in the midst of war. Sometimes war is necessary in order to protect the world, and onesclf, from evil. But we dare not forget that each human life is of ultimate and absolute value.

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From there, he would obtain an end-user permit from "a European government," but the equipment would be sent to Teheran. Iran is not mentioned in the suit, but the details in the suit match those of a sales contract obtained by the Post.

Avi Richtman, an attorney who represented Manbar in the Elbit suit, said many other Israeli companies approached Manbar for the sale of their equipment to Iran. He said the list included Rahimex, which in 1991-2 sold special fireretardant clothing to Teheran.

In 1992, Richtman said, Manbar sold trucks he bought from the Israel Air Force to Iran. Manbar, he said, also sold filters for gas masks manufactured by Shalon. A major deal was negociated between El-Op Electro-Optics Industries and Iran for the upgrade of Polish tanks with El-Op fire control equipment, The deal, however, was not consummated.

The minute the Israeli companies knew that Nahum was dealing with Iran, many of them turned to him," Richtman said, adding that

in 1990 Soltam offered to sell Iran what he described as a "huge amount" of mortar bombs. The Iranians, however, rejected the offer

While some defense sources have confirmed details, the spokesmen of the companies involved deny the allegations. attended by Foreign Mioister

"We have never had any deals or any negotiations with Iran, and this includes the tank deal," said El-Op spokeswoman Aviva Haleva, "It is fabricated."

A Soltam executive said the story was incorrect. Shalon CEO Ram Baharad said,

"It could be that we had ties with which entails long-term Russo-Nahum Manbar. But we haven't Iraniao cooperation, as a result of which the Teheran regime sold to Iran since around 1979. We will have an enormous arsenal had business with Iran during the rule of the shah." The Defense Ministry declined

to comment, despite repeated requests.

Manhar was arrested at Ben-Gurion Airport on March 27 when he arrived on a flight from Rome. An indictment submitted against Manbar on May 5 charged him with aiding the enemy in time of war. His trial began June 3 and next week the prosecution's major witness is expected to testify.

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Albright was apprised of the

existential dangers to Israel

posed by this prospect during a

90-minute meeting with

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David Levy, Defense Minister

Yitzhak Mordechai, and senior

Russia'a transfer of missile

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#### unconventional warfare, she was told.

Netanyahu raised the specter of the Iran possessing ICBMs and other offeosive rocket capabilities during his recent trip to the Far East. He cited the commercially-motivated sales of raw materials and sophisticated industrial equipment to Iran during his talks with Japanese and Korean officials and business

executives. While in Seoul, he was giveo up-to-date information about North Korea's exports of surface to-surface missiles to Iran, and while at Beijing airport, he elicited a pledge from a Deputy Prime Minister Li Lan Chin not to help the Iranians construct a ouclear reactor.

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Netanyahu telephoned Schwartz's wife yesterday and assured her the security forces are doing everything possible to find her husband.

Hundreds of volunteers, including relatives and yeshiva students, joined Schwartz's four children, who had beeo assisting in the search since Wednesday afternoon. They streamed hy the busload to the search headquarters at the Border Police base at Yad Mordechai.

"I have never seen so many voluoteers," said Ben-Hamo. "They were a great help and I hope they will return again

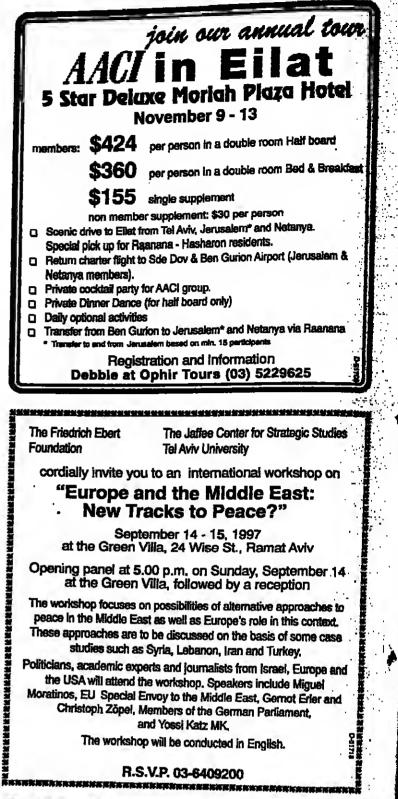
Oo Wednesday afternoon, Schwartz had gone with his son, Ronnie, to Ashkelon Cemetery to visit his father's grave. The two parted around 3 p.m., with Ronnie returning to his home in Efrai and his father intending to drive home to Boei Brak.

"We talked for several minutes and my father told me he would probably take a soldier on the trip

home, so he wouldn't he bored. About an hour later police found his car.' Police theorized that, instead of picking up an IDF soldier. he

might have given a ride to terror-

ists wearing army uniforms. "Dad always told me to be optimistic and I'm trying to go on that way," said his son. Aricl, last night.



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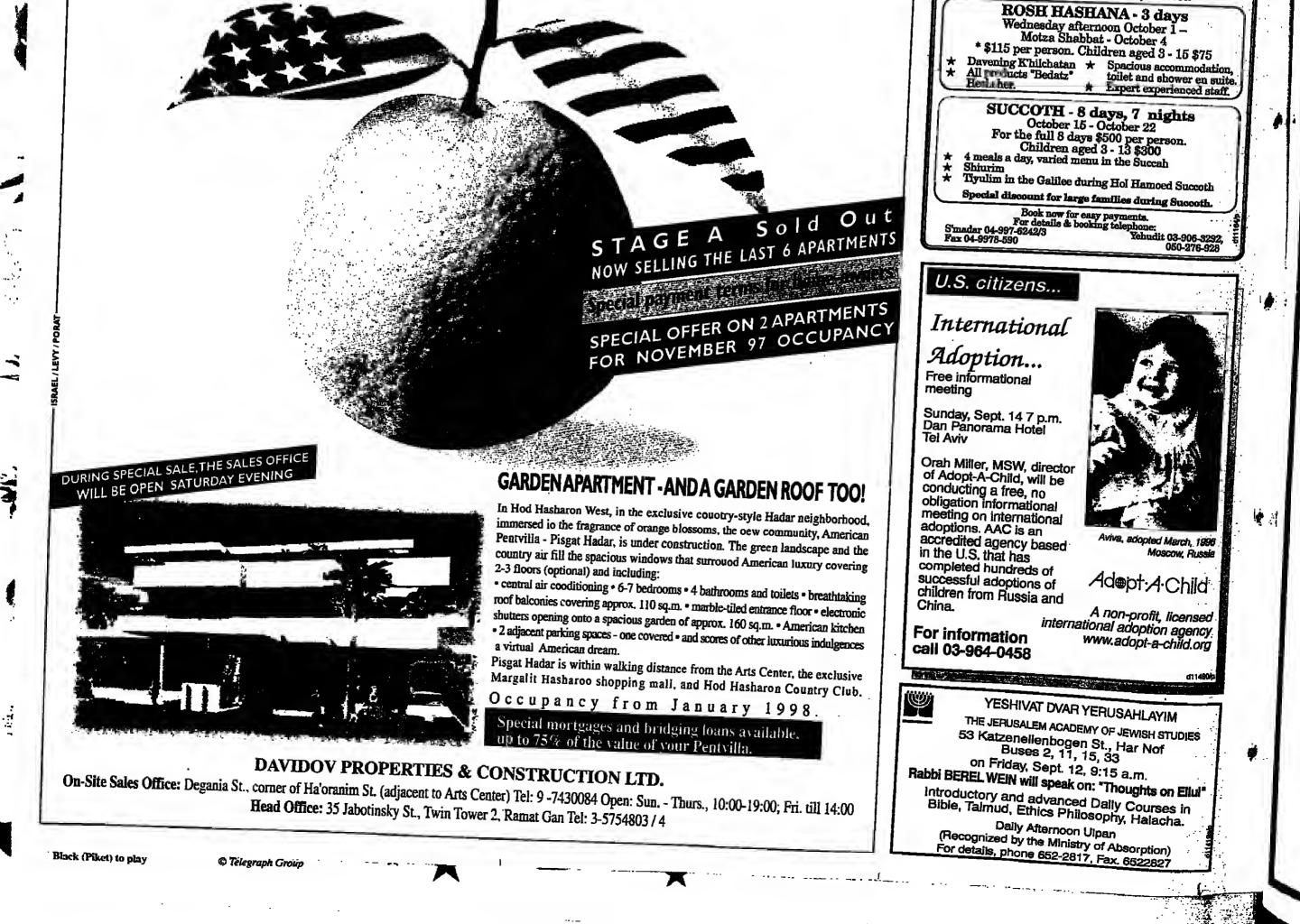
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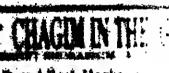
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ONCE AGAIN, we are faced with the infortunate task of issuing our deepest condolences to the people of Israel. In these trying times, the American Jewish community continues to stand by Israel as it copes yet again with terror.

These acts of evil, intended to tear the Jewish people apart, will not succeed. Now, more than ever, we call on American Jews—and the American public—to unite with Israel. This most recent attack only deepens our resolve to stand by the Jewish state and our determination that terrorists will not trimmpli.

We send our deepest condolences to the families of the victims, and wish the injured a speedy recovery.

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But Nick Rahall, a Democratic congressman from West Virginia, pronounces himself disgusted by the whole exercise. While he supports the peace process, Rahall casts equal blame for its disintegration on "extremists on both sides - Hamas and rightwing settlers." And he mocks the reactions of his colleagues as being "1,000 miles ahead of the Israeli government in trying to prejudge" the outcome of negotiations.

"This political pandering and Palestinian-bashing rhetoric that has come out of Congress in recent months is nauseating." Rahall savs.

There was in fact a House resolution passed tast Friday 10 halt aid to the PA. While not having the weight of law, it does send a "devastating signal" Palestinians and "takes away the objectivity of the US [as] an bonest [broker] in the negotiations," maintains Rahall.

Feinstein, a Democrat, still has faith in the peace process. Her credentials as a supporter of the process are unassailable. She successfully took up the administration's campaign two years ago to weaken the House and Senate bills ordering the US to move its embassy to Jerusalem because she saw it as a provoca-

But now, following the Ben-Yebuda Street bombing, she says she's had enough.

This one, for some reason, becomes almost like the straw that breaks the camel's back. And I think when it came following Yasser Arafat's embrace of Hamas's leaders ... things that people in public office do

#### become symbolic gestures. And these symbolic gestures send signals.

"I thought that Yasser Arafat wanted peace, [bnt] I am becoming more and more convinced that the chairman may not. And that disturbs me very much, because you can't negotiate unless hoth [sides] want peace.

"Now I'm the first one to say that I think there bave been provocations, whether it's the [Western Wall] tunnel opening or Har Homa - things that could have been done differently. But I do not see the signals being sent out hy the Palestinian leadership in a way that's definitive and positive and followed up with action, that have convinced me that Arafat isn't trying to carry water on both shoulders. When it comes to terror, I don't believe you can do that ....

"I think this is an Israeli issue, and Israelis have to speak for themselves," Feinstein says. "But I, for one, as a US Senator on the Foreign Relations Committee, will not vote for renewal of MEPFA until I see some real progress made against terrorist organizations. And that includes rooting out their infra-structure, it includes arresting and imprisoning their leaders, their activists." Asked whether cutting off

MEPFA or financial assistance would hurt the Palestinian peopte, Feinstein is unapologenc. "The Palestinian people also bave to make up their minds

wbether they want peace and are willing to take a stand," she says. There has to be a desire for peace on both sides. We know that terrorism is aimed at destroying peace; therefore, I think the time bas come when the Palestinian people really have to indicate that they want peace."

# TERROR **Continued from Page 10**

"Seldom were the promises kept, the favors reciprocated or the deals honored. The trail is littered with deceit, treachery, betrayal and the murder of an American ambassador and his deputy in the Sudan," they wrote. Still, in the aftermath of Oslo, Israel tended to look on the bright side. Rabin would demand that Arafat arrest Islamic militants, but often Arafat would limit his counterterrorism efforts to trying to persuade Hamas leaders to stop the attacks.

Israeli leaders were patient. When Arafat failed to stop Hamas attacks in 1994 and 1995. leaders said he lacked control and was inexperienced at fighting terrorism. After Arafat's election as presi-

deni in 1996, most Israeli officials felt he had attained the clout he needed to fight Hamas and Islamic Jihad.

The height of security cooperation was in April 1996. Arafat was stunned by fierce Israeti and American reaction to a wave of suicide bombings in February and March in Israel. He under stood that the Oslo process could collapse under the weight of another attack and ordered his security deputies to cooperate with Israel and put a balt to attacks staged from PA-controlled areas.

There were mass arrests of Hamas, Jihad and Popular Front activists, driving the terrorists underground. For about three months, the security relationship was close to idyllic. PA security chiefs would relay information to the Israelis on Islamic militant detainees,

his colleagues learned in those few weeks the extent of the Islamic threat to Arafat. The General Security Service

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regional commander in the Gaza Strip was in daily contact with Mobammed Dahlan, head of the PA's Preventive Security Apparatus. The GSS regional commander in the Jerusalem district had the same relationship with Jibril Rajoub, head of the PSA in the West Bank. GSS chief Ami Ayalon met frequently with Amin Hindi, bead of PA General Intelligence Services in Gaza. But the tight cooperation didn't

last long, By June, Binyamin Netanyahu was elected prime minister, and international and US pressure on Arafat to maintain an intensive security relationship with Israel began to lift. At the same time, Islamic fundamentalists in Gaza and abroad urged Arafat to free detainees.

By September, Arafat was emptying PA prisons. Hamas and Jihad militants were recruited by PA security agencies, which seemed to guarantee these organizadons that their infrastructure wouldn't be harmed.

Israeli security sources say that terrorist ringleaders roam Gaza freely today. They list the sus-pects as Abd Sitri, said to be a senior member of Hamas's military wing and aide to bombmaker Mobammed Deif; Imad Akel, believed to be behind a spate of bombings in 1994 and 1995, and Ibrahim Kawagjeh, suspected of involvement in the January 1995 Beit Lid bombing and freed this year. There is also Nabil Salam Shrihi, a Jihad member, suspected of involvement in the April 1995 bombing in Kfar Darom, in which seven Israelis and a US citizen were killed.

At the PA dialogue with oppo-A PA security source says that sition groups last month, Dahlan

made it clear that these Hamas and Jihad ringleaders and their supporters should be thankful to Arafat. "We are protecting a sizable portion of Hamas people who were wanted by Israel on political charges." he said.

Privately, some PA security sources say real cooperation with Israel on counterterrorism is out of reach. First, there is a question of goals. Arafat's security agencies give priority to keeping his regime in control. Law enforcement for its own sake is not a priority.

Second, there is little if any trust between Israeli and PA security officials. The PA is convinced that Israel is tapping its telephones and recruiting officials as spies. Israel says it has evidence that Dahlan and Rajoub are also recruiting Israeli informers and targeting Israeli intelligence services.

Israel has learned lessons from the Arafat experience. First, it has reorganized intelligence efforts in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The General Security Services still operate in these areas. In addition. IDF intelligence bas been given a much greater role. A recent decision approved by Netanyahu gives IDF intelli-gence the authority to issue attack alerts.

No longer do the GSS and IDF have to argue over the accuracy of intelligence before a warning is put onL

Intelligence sources say the investigation of the Jerusalem suicide bombings bas benefited from these changes. They say the joint GSS-police investigation has produced significant results toward identifying the suicide bombers, believed to be Hamas militants who lived in the West Bank or Gaza Strip.

The question is whether better intelligence could prevent what both Israeli and Palestinian security sources warn is an approaching storm. Arafat, they say, is finding it increasingly difficult to buy support. Funding from Israel and the international community has decreased sharply, and Arafat is looking for new sources. They have appealed to longtime traditional Arab societies in eastern Jerusalem.

Palestinian sources even warn that Arafat could be pushed to the point of initiating violence with Israel unless his local stature picks up in the next few months.

"The situation is so terrible for Arafat," a Palestinian analyst says. "He has more and more problems with Israel and with Palestinians. He is under so much pressure that he is looking for an explosion to save him."

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By GREER EAY CASHMAN



Reuma Weizman showed courage and solidarity sitting outside the Chagail coffee shop on Ben Yehuda Street.

# Tea and sympathy

ast week Reuma Weizman accompanied her husband on visits to those injured and bospitalized after the bomb blast in Jerusalem's Ben Yehuda Mall, This week, in a show of courage and solidarity, she was there in the mail, sitting in the outdoor section of the Chagall coffee shop. Photographer Isaac Harari, who frequently strolls through the mall, caught sight of the president's wife waiting to be served.

> WHEN former prime minister Shimon Peres decided to form his Peace Institute, the Mexicans were delighted because global peace is part of their foreign policy. When he went a step further and invited former Mexican president Miguel de la Madrid to join his international advisory board, which includes such notables as Henry Kissinger and Mikhail Gorbachev, the Mexicans were

even more delighted. Mexican ambassador Jorge Alberto Lozoya decided that the least he could do was host a reception in Peres's honor at his palatial Kfar Shmaryahu residence.

Peres was in a buoyant mood, having just returned from Italy, where he signed an agreement with pasta manufacturing giant Barilla to "use wheat produced by the Egyptians, the Palestinians, and the Israelis." Barilla has traditionally imported most of its protein-rich wheat from the US, but hearing of the peace project it decided. according to Peres, to "produce wheat and peace." As another pional

RESPONDING to the somber mood of the country in the wake of iwo national catastrophes, the Foreign Press Association's board decided to postpone the FPA's gala 40th anniversary dinner dance, which was to have been at the Laromme Hotel on Saturday night. The tables had already been set up and an entertainment group flown in from Holland when the FPA board learned that none of the invited Israeli officials would attend. They also realized that the closure would keep Palestinian journalists away. So, on very short notice, FPA secretary Renee Singer, who had spent three intensive weeks working on the event, contacted all 240 expected guests to tell them of the postponement, a vocal strain that sent her to the doctor next day. The rescheduled fes-tivities will be held on Saturday, September 20.

DIAMONDS may be a girl's best friend, but the diamond ladies are everyone's best friend. NILA, the association of wives and daughters of members of the Israel Diamond Exchange, has taken up many volunteer projects. The most recent was supported by a gift of half a million dollars' worth of diamonds from De Beers, the largest manufacturer of raw diamonds. The gift, the first of its kind, was given in response to a request from NILA chairwoman Hana Gertler. daughter of Moshe Schnitzer, a founding father of Israel's diamond industry. The diamonds have been used as studs in diamond-shaped ns and earrings desi prize-winning jeweler Batia Wang. The jewelry items, launched at a gala reception at the Diamond Museum in Ramat Gan, will be sold (for no profit) at Superpharm, Israel's largest drugstore, owned by Canadian immigrant Leon Koffler. Proceeds will go to the oncology department of the Sheba Medical Center. De Beers executive Gary Ralfe, who came to Israel to attend the event, said his company was pleased to be associated with such a worthy project.

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DIPLOMATS, academics, and representatives of the business community gathered at Lozoya's home to salute Peres and his vision. Among them were Egyptian amhassador Mohammed Bassiouny, Ecuadorian ambassador Paulina Garcia de Larrea, Philippines ambassador Rosalinda de Perio-Santos, British ambassador David Manning and Brazilian ambassador Paulo Pinto Assumpcao. Also present were Jordanian ambassador Omar Rifai, Dominican ambassador Alfonso Lockward and Tel Aviv University professors Yoram Dinstein and Itamar Rabinovich, as well as Koor CEO Benny Gaon, chairman of the Israel-Latin America Chamber of Commerce Felix Kiper, and former Israeli ambassador to Mexico Shimshon Arad. After Peres, the person who drew the most attention was Peres's driver Menahem Damti, who used to be Yitzhak Rabin's driver. It was Damo who drove

Rabin to the hospital the night he was assassinated.

US-BORN attorney Stephen Adler is about be swom in as president of the Nadonal Labor Court. making him the highest-ranking civil servant in Israel from an English-speaking country. Back in 1968, friends warned Adler against making aliya because "there would be no work for immigrant lawyers in Israel." But within a week of his arrival he had two job offers. With a background in labor law, Adler was appointed director of research at the newly formed Labor Court. In 1975 he became one of the youngest judges in the regional labor court, moving on to become deputy president in the national COULT

Known as an anti-establishment judge, Adler recalls that even as a boy he took an interest in the plight of the workers. "I always felt the underdog should be helped," he says. "I joined in Martin Luther King's marches. I felt everyone should have rights." Although he has made it, Adler knows it's difficult for lawyers from abroad to be absorbed here because of the language barrier. Still, he'd like to see more new immigrant lawyers coming to this country. "This is a very exciting time in Israel's legal system," he says. "A new constitution is being developed, and basic rights are being defined."

MEMBERS of the entertainment industry have always come to the forefront for benefit performances to aid the sick in general, and children in particular. They are especially supportive when it comes to one of their own. Performers such : as Gila Almagor, Rita, Tuvia Tsafir, Yaffa Yarkoni, Shoshana Damari, Ofra Haza-Ashkenazi, Sassi Keshet, Yisrael Gurion, Tzipi Shavit and Yizhar Cohen recently gave their all at Habimah theater. The audience included Reuma Weizman. The concert was organized by

comedian Dudn Dotan and his wife Miri on behalf of the nonprofit organization Life. The Dotans' son Yoni, who is recovering from cancer, recently made international headlines when he met with US President Bill Clinton.

Proceeds from the function will be used to establish a special wing for youngsters over 16 in the oncology department of the Schneider Medical Center.

THE TIMING of Chaim Yavin's departure from state-owned Channel 1 to private-sector Keshet is hardly coincidental. Yavin celebrated his 65th hirthday this week. Even if he hadn't decided to call it quits with the First Channel, he wouldn't have been left with much of an alternative.

ON THE international scene, CNN's much-married Larry King, 63, has just married Mormon singer Shawn Southwick, 37. King, who has strong connections to the Aish HaTorah yeshiva movement which reaches out to unaffiliated and non-committed Jews, has a penchant for marrying non-Jewish women.

NOT ALL gentlemen prefer blondes. But one for whom the myth definitely does apply is millionaire hotelier, casino owner, and property developer Donald Trump. His ex-wife, soon-to-be ex-wife, and could-be next wife are all variations on the same goldenhaired theme,

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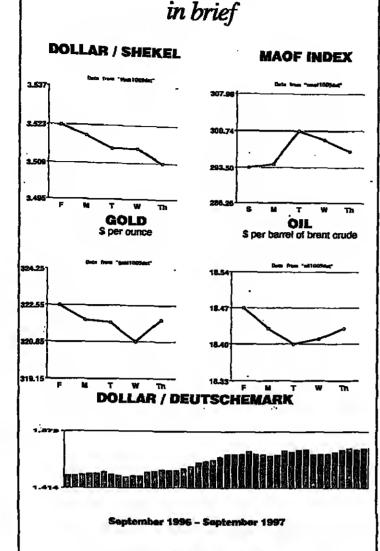
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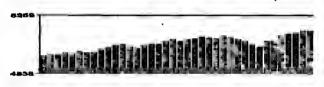
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# US trade deficit down 2.4% in second quarter

# Scitex and Indigo negotiating merger

# By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN and Globes Business News

Scitex and Indigo, two of the biggest names in local high-tech, are in advanced merger negotiations, sources close to the firms said yesterday.

Indigo CEO Benny Landa would not confirm the report, saying he "would not comment on rumors."

The goal of the proposed merger is to cut the twn companies' current expenses by \$70 million-\$100m. annually, the sources said.

The negotiating teams have already

Scitex will pay for them by allocating its stake to Indigo's shareholders anda, George Snros, and the public. The contact was created in light of the companies' common markets in the print-

ing industry. Neither Dov Tadmor, chairman of Scitex, nor its CEO, Yoav Chelouche,

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research and development costs. and International Paper, which together

agreed that, if the talks are successful, the transaction will be carried out through Scitex's acquisition of all of Indigo's shares. hold a 36% stake. Scitex develops and produces digital pre-print, digital print-ing, and digital video products. Indigo manufactures digital color printing systems, which automatically send informa-

> printing press. Both companies have several represen-tatives in Europe and the US that provide maintenance and marketing services, at costs equivalent to dozens nf percent of sales. The parties believe the merger

Despite the secrecy of the negotiations, there has been a great deal of unusual activity in Seitex shares traded nn US The merger has becnme the likely nutexchanges recently.

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come of persistent losses in both compa-

nies. In the four-quarter period ending in June of this year, Scitex posted losses of \$178 million, while Indigo lost \$30 mil-

Over the past year both companies have

undergone significant restructuring pro-grams, including laying offs and seninr

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**BUSINESS&FINANCE** 

# By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN and DAN GERSTENFELD

Elite Industries Ltd. will consider laying off more workers as part of its restructuring plan, said Erez Vigodman, deputy managing director of the coffee, candy and snack food enterprise. "It is not our aim to fire peo-

ple, hut at this stage we can't rule anything nut," Vigodman said. After closing four European

plants, the company now employs 4,000 people, 3,300 in Israel. At the company's height it employed approximately 4,500 people, Vigodman said.

The company also announced that it is conducting negotiations with several foreign companies to create strategic partnerships.

On Wednesday, the company announced second-quarter losses of NIS 88.4 million, attributing the results to the closure of unprofitable factories in Europe, Since Michael Strauss took over the company, the company has closed four of its eight European plants,

Investors yesterday responded enthnsiastically to Elite's restructuring plan and secondquarter results, pushing the comsaity snacks division to Pepsico.

pany's Tel Aviv-traded shares up 5.4% to NIS 96.2 yesterday, the first trading day fullnwing the release of the results. "The share fell sharply before the release of the earning report

and investors were expecting heavy losses," said Ari Eidelhcit, trader at Zeller Eblagon Securities in Tel Aviv. "From now on the company is expected to show increased profitability."

Excluding the European losses, the company's second-quarter profit totalled NIS 34m., compared to NIS 24.2m. one year ago.

The company's restructuring plan does not include changes in top management. Most of the senior officials who worked under David Federman, the company's previons CEO, have

resigned. The company is currently negotiating to sell 20% of its candy division to Danone. While Danone would not acquire control, it would be given options to purchase holdings of up to 50%, sources close to the negotiations said, adding that the deal will be signed by the beginning of 1998. Elite is also reported to be negotiating to sell part of its

**Religious caucus** additional layoffs pressures Neeman on budget cuts

suggested Bihi.

## By DAVID HARRIS

Leaders of the Knesset religious caucus and Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman yesterday failed to reach compromise over government-approved cuts to the Religious Affairs Ministry's 1998 budget.

They suggested two alternatives they said would prevent the need for any cut in spending, particular-ly to yeshivot. They also suggested a source of funding that would mean no cuts in social service spending.

"Where can you possibly cut from the religious budget?" asked cancus chairman Shmuel Halpert (United Torah Indaism). "The

The MKs - Halpert, Finance sion of subsidies for cultural activ-

By DAN GERSTENFELD ities, before making any cuts to spending on the religious commu-The state of Israel on Wednesday raised \$500 mil-lion by selling bonds backed By taking NIS 1 hillion from the hy US government guaran-tees, the Finance Ministry receipts of the sales of government companies and hanks, the governsaid. The bonds yield 6.865 perment could easily prevent any cut

cent, which is 17 basis points higher than the US 30-year Treasury bill. The sale was to its social spending program, The 1998 NIS 2.3h. hudget cut conducted by the Accountant-General Shai Talmon and his deputy, Eldad Fresher. Bear proposal includes reductions in child allowances and calls for pensioners to pay national insurance contributions if they are still work-Stearns won the tender to be the leading underwriter out of

In response, a ministry official nine investment houses. said the receipts from privatiza-tion, which will total NIS 7b.-NIS In January, Israel raised \$750m. backed by US guar-8b. this year, will only be used to reduce the state deficit, rather than antees and it can raise another \$1.5b. in 1998. This would be the last opportunito cover government expenditure, ty to use the American guar-Among the budget cuts faced by the Religious Affairs Ministry are antees, which were first cutting the development and religranted to Israel in 1992 to gious organizations' support budhelp finance immigration. get by 10 percent and cutting 3% (NIS 24 million) from funding for Talmon and Fresher who

are both in the US, began looking for underwriters for the next issue of Yankee bonds - which are not backed by the US guarantees - to be held next year.

"The reason the interest rate is so low is because the



family of someone learning in a yeshiva receives just NIS 550 [a month], how can you cut that?"

Committee Chairman Avraham Ravitz, Moshe Gafni (both UTJ), and Deputy Religious Affairs Minister Yigal Bibi (National veshivot. Religious Party) - told Neeman Other Treasury recommendathat there is room to make considtions approved by the government erable cuts in expenditure in the included transferring responsibiliuniversity system and in the provity for yeshiva students 17 or under to the Education Ministry.

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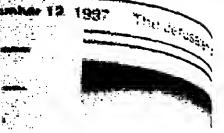
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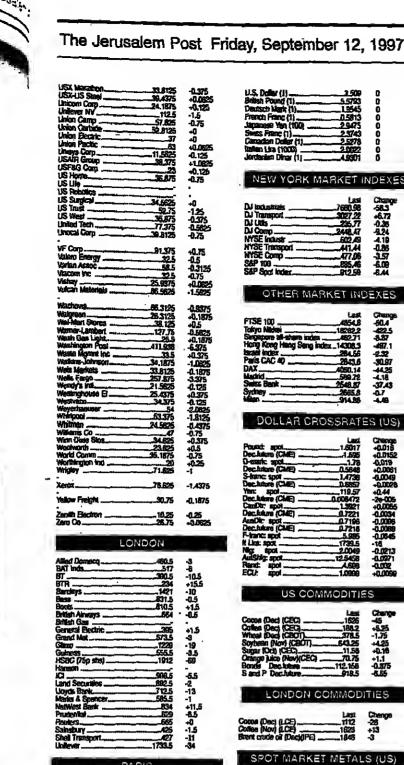
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Stocks dropped after investors expressed concern about losses oo Wall Street and assessed US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's visit.

The Maof Index of 25 stocks lost 0.79% to 296.49. The Mishtanim Index of 100 mosttraded stocks declined 0.9% to 288.43. The Tel Aviv Continuous Trading Index of 20 stocks dropped 0.32% to 98.44.

For the week, the Maof rose 0.6%, the Mishtanim gained 0.5%, and the TACT tacked on 1.2%. Drops of more than 1.5% on Wall Street are having an "imme-diate effect" in Tel Aviv, said Moshe Jonas, who runs the Jerusalem office of Moritz & Tuchler.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 1.69% and the Standard & Poor's 500 lost 1.56% Wednesday. End-of-the-week trading bas been consistently down recently because of "fear we're going to come back on Sunday and terrible things will have happened in New York," he said.

Elite Industries jumped 5.4% as it reported second-quarter losses of NIS 88.4 million, which stemmed from losses among its operations in Europe. Investors

took the write-offs "as a positive thing" for Elite, said Eli Nahum, head trader at Zannex Securities.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

# Europe

UK stocks fell as concern over corporate earnings in the US, partly sparked by currency turbulence Asia, spilled over into the UK in market.

"The concern is that Asia is one of the fast growth areas, and if they start spending less, then it will have some knock-on effect." said Graham Campbell, a fund manager at Edinburgh Fuod

Managers came to office in May. The UK benchmark FT-SE 100 Index fell 50.4, or 1.03%, to 4854.8, with companies traded in the US leading the dccline. Among them, HSBC Holdings fell we're being knocked around by." 69.5 pence to 1912; Shell Transport & Trading dropped 10.5p to 427; and the drugmaker Zeneca lost 59p to 1850.0. The broader FT-SE 250 Index fell 31.5 with [investment] levels now." to 4633.2.

"If the US takes a bath, we catch a cold," said Tom Morris-Jones, an equity salesman at Albert E. Sharp & Co.

The Bank of England's monetary policy committee left the base leoding rate unchanged at 7%. This is the first time the bank has-



Southeast Asian economic turmoil. The benchmark Nikkei 225

The broader Topix index of all shares on the first section fell 25.35 points, or 1.76%, to 1415.68.

Worries that plunging Southeast Asian currencies would hurt prof-its at Procter & Gamble, IBM, and other multinational corporations drove US stocks to their steepest decline in almost a month. Investors bet that Japan, which ships 43% of its exports to Asia -18% to member states of the Association of Southeast Asian points. Nations - would also see earnings

"Interest rates and the pound have both peaked," Morris- Jones suffer "If IBM fell because of a slump said. "Things are looking rosy in England; it's the rest of the wurld in overseas sales, then Japan with 40% export ratio to Asia will also feel the pain," said Ritsu Matsushita, director and general "We are comfortable with the UK market," Campbell said. "We manager, at Invesco Asset had been increasing our weighting Management (Japan) Ltd.'s asset in gilts, but we're comfortable management department.

Nikkei 225 index futures traded in Singapore fell 460 points to 18,280; those traded in Osaka fell 420 points to 18,290. An estimated 386 million shares traded, up Japan's benchmark index fell in its biggest one-day drop in three weeks, as the decline in US stocks from 335 million shares the same time yesterday, yet below the sixsparked cnncern about Japanese month daily average of 399 mil-(Bloomberg) lion shares. to

Stock Average fell 422.54 points, or 2.26%, to 18,282.23. Blue chips fell for the second

straight day yesterday as investors again sold the shares of the nation's biggest multinational companics, fcaring that the strong dollar would hurt their profits. Based on early and unofficial data, the Dow Jones industrial

Wall Street

average, which had been down more than 100 points io early afternoon, closed 58.30 points lower at 7,660.98. On Wednesday, the blue-chip index sank 133

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In the broader market, declining issues beat advances 17-10 on active vnlume nf 578 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange. The Nasdaq composite index

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edged up 0.63 nf a point to 1,639.88. "As you near the end of the

quarter, you get lot of nervousness about upcoming earnings and with several very big companies warning of disappointing earnings, the market takes some hits." said James Crawford, senior vice president at Trevor Stewart Burton & Jacobsen Inc.

(Reuters)

# Dollar steady vs. yen after Japanese GDP report

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LONDON COMMODITIES The dollar was little changed against the yen after a worse-thanexpected performance by the Japanese economy in the second quarter confirmed consumer demand remains sluggish. While a weak economy argues

for Japanese interest rates to remain on bold, which should boost the dollar, concern about a ballooning trade surplus with the US spurred speculation the US may stop supporting a strong dollar policy. Those concerns arose after US officials commented in recent days that Japanese authoritics should try to revive domestic demand rather than exporting their way out of recession. The Japanese GDP has mixed

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implications," said Ian Amstad, senior economist at Bankers Trust

International. "On one hand, it should be supportive for the dollar, on the other, it makes the atmosphere very tense."

The dollar was at 119.06 yen, littie changed from 119.20 yeo late Wednesday. It was also steady at 1.7943 marks, from 1.7980 marks at Wednesday's London close.

The dollar has been undermined against the mark in recent days amid mixed signals sent by the Bundesbank on the likelihood of a German rate rise to keep inflation at bay. While the slowness in the pickup of the German recovery and the near-record high level of German unemployment do not

argue for a rate rise soon, the Bundesbank faces the problem of curbing imported inflation.

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percent against the dollar since the beginning of the year made imported goods more expensive in Germany. Earlier yesterday, German retail sales coofirms consumer spending remains sluggish.

Germany's annual inflation rate was 2.1% in August, exceeding the The numbers were weak," said Sonja Gibbs, senior economist at Nomura International. "That

implies consumption for the third quarter will be lower than in the second quarter," The Bundesbank's dilemma was reflected in recent comments by its members. Buodesbank council member Hans-Juergen Krupp said "it is still a fragile economy," sug-gesting it is too soon to consider a

rate rise. By contrast, Bundesbank Chief Economist Otmar Issing said German inflation has reached a "turning point." That made the dollar slip briefly under 1.79 marks, traders said.

Bundesbank's 2% target ceiling for the first time since May 1995. Germany's economy expanded 1% in the second quarter after growing 0.3% in the first quarter. Higher German rates help boost the mark by increasing the return

on mark-denominated deposits. The Bundesbank has kept the securities repurchase rate, which sets the target for overnight lending, at a record low 3% for over a year. In the light of the Japanese

growth report, Bankers Trust's Amstad said "traders will be wary about taking dollar-yen above 120 because of the fears of a trade row, though they are exaggerated." (Bloomberg)

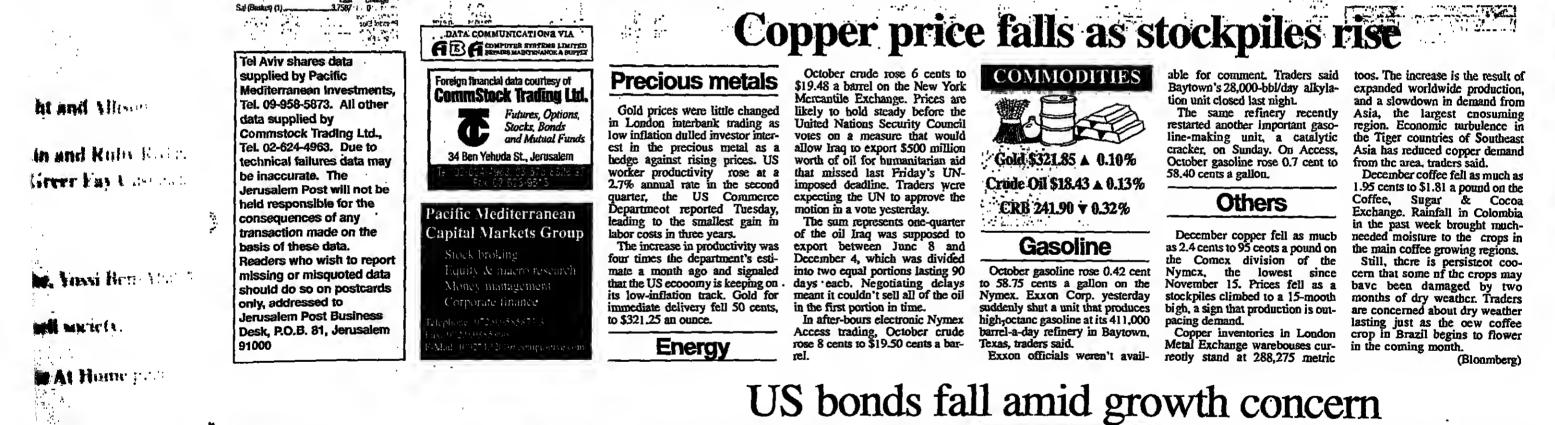
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They fell a real 3.2% in July from June, and dropped 1.3% from a year ago, the Bundesbank said,



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US bonds fell and yields rose to two-month highs amid concern reports on prices and retail sales today will show strength, and as borrowers led by the Treasury prepared to sell some \$19 billion nf debt. "I have my cantion hat on because I think the numbers are going to come in on the stronger side," said George Adell, a trader at Philadelphia-based Starboard Capital Markets. The benchmark 30-year bond fell 10/32, or \$3.13 per \$1,000 bond, to 96 1/32. Its yield rose 2 basis points to 6.68 percent, the highest since July 2. The two-year note's yield rose 1 basis point to 5.99%.

The government reported yester day that first-time claims for jobless benefits fell 14,000 last week to 310,000, a bigger drop than

expected. The claims report pro-vides "another hint that labor conditions are tightening," said Dan Seto, an economist at Nikko Securities International. High employment and robust growth are typically associated with inflation, which erodes bonds' fixed payments. Bonds Wednesday fell about 3/8 as a host of borrowers led by Korea Development Bank raised \$4.6 billion in the bond market. "All this corporate supply is

weighing on the market and we've got more today," said Tom O'Connell, a trader at First corporate debt often Chicago Capital Markets. NationsBank Corp. leads companies preparing to sell some \$7

completed. billion of corporate and asset-\*Corporate supply is what really backed debt in the days ahead, has been the focus this week,"

Adell said. "When you have the big economic oumbers on the last day of the week, the Treasury market sort of wallows."

make big bets before today's reports, which will give them more evidence about the economy's strength and the prospects for faster inflation.

Producer prices in August are expected to show their first while the US Treasury will auction increase in seven months, reflect-\$12.5 billion of one-year bills. ing higher gasoline prices, according to economists surveyed by Wall Street firms underwriting Bloomberg News. The producer sell price index probably rose 0.3%, and 0.1% when food and energy Treasuries to protect against possible losses if interest rates rise before the corporate sales are are excluded, economists surveyed by Bloomberg News fore-Cast

Retail sales, a key gauge

because consumer spending accounts for two-thirds of overall growth, probably rose by 0.7% in August, according to economists, following a gain of 0.6% in July. Many investors are reluctant to

Stronger-than-expected oumbers may bolster expectations the Federal Reserve will raise bank lending rates at least once more before ycar-end, though few investors expect the Fed to move when officials oext meet September 30.

The central bank last raised rates in March, and held rates steady at meetings in May, July and last month. If the numbers are weaker than expected, bonds may get a boost because "the market may have already built in the bad oews," O'Connell at First Chicago said. (Bloomberg)



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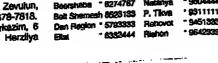
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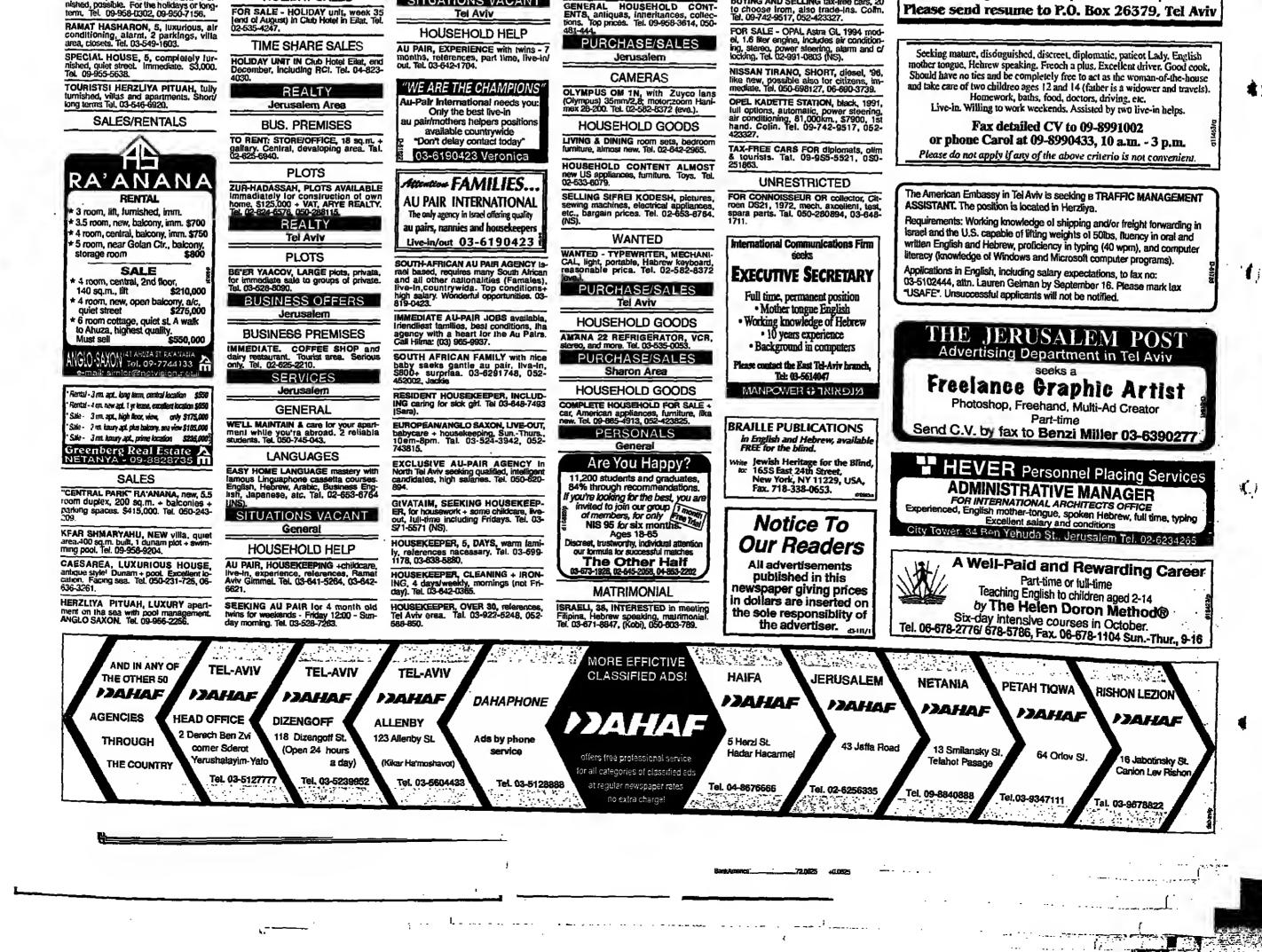
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"He has understood the importance of a commitment to do what he can, and that he would exert 100 percent effort to deal with the problem of terrorists. For us, 1 think we will bave to see how this is carried out over a sustained

period." Albright said the issue of Palestinian money being withheld by the Israeli governmeot was also discussed, and that a distinctioo sbould be made between "Israeli decisions over security and it is hard to second-guess them - but it is beyond my understanding where withholding money is a security issue. On the contrary, it makes it more difficult to have the kind of political environmeot that is necessary for this

partnership to go forward." Nevertheless, she said, a distinction must also be made between the frustratioo the Palestinians feel over issues like housing construction, and acoons resulting from that frustration.

"I did state that there was no equivalence between bulldozers and bombers, and I do not think there is equivalence in the demolition of homes and bombers. I stand by my statement that there is nothing that is morally equivalent to the dastardly acts of suicide bombers.

Outside the news conference, a few Palestinian demonstrators in. wheelchairs held signs, saying: We want a Palestinian state,' 'Closure-collective punishment," and "I got married at checkpoint prevented from reaching ceremony place.'

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Some believe she is with Israel, she is biased toward Israel," said Ruan, 20. "People are tired of all this. And I just don't care."

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Mohammed Baba, 38, said be doesn't expect anything from the Israeli government. "It's impossible to change the

opinion of Netanyahu, even for Albright, but we always bave bope," he said. "I'm not against Jews, I'm against Israeli policy. Some of my friends are Jews."

Suha Jubran, one of the disabled protesting outside, said of Israel: They're asking too much. They ask us to do this, and to do that, and they're not giving os anything.

In Bethlehem, Palestinian demonstrators burned a caricature of Albright and stoned Israeli soldiers, who responded with tear gas. In the Gaza Strip, about ,000 Palestinian high school students marched through Khan Yunis and burned an American

flag. Leah Rabin and Yasser Arafat signed a symbolic commitment to peace later yesterday, marking tomorrow's fourth anniversary of the Yitzhak Rabin-Arafat handshake on the White House lawn. "The train of peace right now is

deeply stuck, but the day will come when we hear the train roll," Rabin said at the ceremony in Ramallah.

"Our message to everybody and everywhere that we, the Palestinians and the Israelis, are insisting on pushing forward and protecting the peace of the brave," Arafat said. "The peace of the brave needs to be protected."

Steve Rodan and Mohammed Najib contributed to this report.

# SYRIA **Continued from Page 1**

Before leaving for Syria. Albright will have another meeting Palestinian Authority with Chairman Yasser Arafat and will speak to students at the Friends' School for boys in Ramallah.

Albright laid out her analysis of the current state of affairs in an address to students at the Israel Academy of Arts and Science.

After summoning up the vision of "a Middle East characterized by secure and stable borders, energized by the free movement of goods, capital, and tourists, and bolstered by effective joint action on tough issues such as water, the environmeot and refugees," she expressed regret that the momentum to these goals has stalled.

"A crisis of confideoce has evolved between Israelis and Palestinians which has, in turn, created a crisis of confidence between Israel and the Arab world," she said. "This crisis was neither inevitable nor accidental. It has been caused by the failure of both sides to live up to their full obligations as partners in peace." She went on 10 place particular

importance on the need for the PA fill." to crush terrorism. The terrorist strategy is to drive

deceot people withio both the Israelt and Palestinian populations to conclude that peace is not possible," she said. "Our strategy must be to unite the decent people in both, and demonstrate to the terrorists that their strategy will never

succeed That requires leadership from both parties. But it requires, in particular, that the PA display an unceasing red light to terrorists. Against suicide bombers, there can be no guarantee of 100 percent success, but there must be 100 percent effort 10 deter, prevent, and punish terrorist acts."

Meanwhile, Marwan Kanafani, one of Arafat's senior aides, rejected a summary of the PA's commitments to combat terrorism circulated by the Government Press Office and based on the Oslo Accords and Hebron Protocol. Terming them "conditions," Kanafani said they are "impossi-

ble" and designed 10 derait Albright's visit. The summary described the "commitments" as a sine qua non

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process which the PA "must ful-

However, Nabil Amre, a member of the PA negotiating team, argued that "this is not the one to score points" and that "both parties to the peace process should abide by the commitments to the terms of the Oslo Accords." "This is the worst news we've

heard in a very long time," Bar-Illan said. "That now Arafat says these are impossible and unacceptable conditions only means that the PA has no intention of living up to its commitments. This not only is shocking, but something which puts into question the value of any agreement made with the PA."

Ironically, the two sides disagree about the very wording of the "commitments," as defined by Israel, or "conditions," as defined by the PA. For example, the Israeli text cites "deterrence and punishment of terror," while the Palesunian version is "detention, arrest, and imprisonment of all terrorists according to lists submitted by Israel."

Another example: "Dismissal of terrorist elements from police" in the Israeli version; "dismissal of PA personnel involved in terror or violent acts against Israel" in the Palesunian version.

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# Friday, September 12, 1997 The Jerusalem Post

# Herzliya blows by Ra'anana in hoops opener

Robinson led Herzliya to a surpris-

and eight assists. His deft ball han-

dling and coun vision indicate that

something to think about as well.

Robinson frustrated last year's MVP,

Tomer Steinhauer all night, while

Herzliva won the game in the

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The National Basketball League's 1997-98 season had a couple of major surprises in last night's opening round, as Maccabi Ra'anana and Happel Jerusalem - two of the league's top three teams last year both lost at home, to Herzliva and league newcomer Kiryat Motzkin, respectively. The league's other new club. Maccabi Netanya, forced Maccabi Rishon into overtime, before succumbing.

In other action, Maccabi Tel Aviv whipped Givat Shmuel, Hapoel Eilat edged past Maccabi Ramat Gan, and Galil Elyon staved off Happel Holon.

Herzliya 95, Ra'anana 82 Herzliya coach Erez Edelstein out to an incredible 33-6 lead. The took a major risk in the off-season, keys to the sport were excellent ball

signing two young foreigners who had no European experience. The movement and shot selection on offense, coupled with smothering, gamble paid dividends last night hands-on defense. when Terrence Rancher and Damell

The offense was firing on all cylin-ders with Uri Cohen-Mintz, Amir Muhtari and Lior Arditti playing in Rancher's contributions can't be full synch with the foreigners. In measured purely by his 19 points addition, Muhtari and Arditti rendered Ra'anana's two big guns, he will be a tough foe for any of the Mark Brisker and Paul Thompson, nonexistent, with smothering, inyour-face defense. Meanwhile, Robinson's bulk inside should give league centers

In addition. Vicki Revah provided 19 points, off what was supposed to be a weak, inexperienced bench. Brisker - who managed to score 16 points in the second half when

Ardini was on the bench - paced

Ra'anana with 21 points. Other results have algebre Kiryas Motekin 86, Hap. Jerusalem 67; Riston 89, Netanya 88 (OT); Mac. Tel Aviv 93, Givat Shamel 54; Edar 84, Ramat Gan 80; Galif 83, Holon 73.

# Hap. Jerusalem savoring life at the top

## By ORI LEWIS

Happel Jerusalem supporters have a very long memory. The ones who are old enough, can still remember when their side was last at the top of the National League standings. It was 21 years ago, in the fourth round of the 1976-77 campaign.

Many of the several thousand sup-Hapoel to deliver the right result. porters who will come to Teddy Stadium this afternoon to cheer on their beloved side have never had the league, while the yellow supthe opportunity to experience the heady heights of National League leadership. They weren't even born when Hapoel were the league stanfrom the North. dard-bearers - albeit for a very short time - back in 1976.

They will savor this afternoon's atmosphere with great emotion as Hapoel take on Maccabi Haifa and they will hope that the league leadership wasn't just an all-too-brief

nents for any side visiting Teddy this Season.

Hapoel have re-written the script SCISOIL This weekend's National League formes (all matches tensorrow miles stated): Hapoel Haifs v. Hapoel Kfar Sava, Klryst Eitezer 18:00: ironi Rishon v. Betar Jerusshen, Rishon 17:45; Hapoel Reachen v. Maccabi Tel Aviv, Beersheba 16:30; Hapoel Petah Tikva v. Ironi Ashdod, Petah-Tikva today 16:30; Hapoel Ashicion v. Maccabi Petah Tikva, Ashkelon today 16:00; Maccabi Herzilya v. Hapoel Beit She'an, Herziya 17:00; Hapoel Tel Aviv v. Bnel Yehuda, Bioomfield 18:00; Hapoel Jerusalem v. Maccabi Haila, Teddy Stadhum inday 16:30. for this season's campaign. They were supposed to be the underdogs for this afternoon's match. Maccabi Haifa, who showed great promise as the league began, were supposed to come to the capital wielding a big stick. As it is, all Jerusalem expects The supporters in red will be hoping their side can continue to lead

porters of archrivals Betar Jerusalem will be hoping Hapoel's Hap. Jiem Hap. Tel Aviv Rishon men can subdue the green enemy Ristion Ironi Ashdad Mac, Haila Ber, Jiem Hap, PT Hap, Harla Mac, Herziya Ashtan While nobody thinks Hapoel Jerusalem will sustain their leadership for too much longer, the side feels that it can win this afternoon. Ashkelon Bnei Yehuda Coach Yossi Mizrahi has a young. talented group of players, who have jelled well and will be tough oppo-

JEBUSALEM

LONDON (Reuters) - England wrested the initiative from Italy in the battle for places from group two for next year's World Cup surprise.

Wednesday after Italy had been held goalless in Georgia. Ian Wright struck twice and Paul

Scholes and Paul Gascoigne once apiece to achieve the victory which carried England one point clear of Italy and left them needing only a draw in their last qualifier in Rome on October 11 to qualify automatically for the finals in France.

Nonetheless, the opening goal took a while coming for all England's pressure and some nearmisses from Wright and fellow striker Les Ferdinand.

It arrived after 28 minutes thanks to a fine header by Scholes from a cross by David Beckham out on the left.

Marian Spynu had conceded a corner which Beckham floated in. Goalkeeper Denis Romanenko punched the ball out but succeeded. only in returning it to the Manchester United midfielder.

Beckham sent in another cross and Scholes rose at the near post and flicked his header past the goalkeeper and into the far corner of the net.

Wright added the second in the

one of the super-powers of world soccer," he said. "It was a very eloquent display of good football. England is probably

the strongest team in this group. am fully confident that England can win (the group)." There was nothing much to trouble England goalkeeper David

Seaman, captain of his country for the first time in the absence of a number of injured players - Alan Shearer, Teddy Sheringham, Tony Adams and Stuart Pearce - and the suspended Paul Ince.

It was an evening of mixed emotions at Wembley Stadium, with a near-capacity crowd of some 75,000 rising to join the players in minute's silence in tribute to Diana, Princess of Wales.

The England players wore black ribbons on their shirts in memory of the Princess and before the match the crowd listened to a recording of Elton John's Candle in

### before the kickoff against Moldova on Wednesday night. Vright leads England closer to finals The goals were all excellent but first minute of the second half, slipanything less than victory over ping a left-foot shot inside the near post after receiving an excellent Moldova would have been a major through-ball down the left from The Moldovans have now lost all Paul Gascoigne. finals, dispatching Moldova 4-0 on Man-of-the-match Gascoigne six qualifiers they have played so far and conceded 17 goals in the process while scoring just two.

capped an outstanding game with a goal of his own nine minutes from the end, charging through in irresistible fashion, exchanging a onetwo with Wright and delivering the

final masterly touch. Arsenal striker Wright made it 4-0 in the final minute, finding himself alone in possession out on the right and cutting in on goal before tucking away his shot beocath goalkeeper Romanenko.

We had to be a little patient. The crowd was magnificent. Some of the goals we scored and

the play were uplifting," England manager Glenn Hoddle said. "I was delighted with Paul (Gascoigne). He was as good on

the ball as be has been for a long time." Moldova manager lon Karas the Wind which the singer performed at last Saturday's funeral in was full of praise for England. "England proved that they are Westminster Abbey,

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# nations now qualified for finals LONDON (Reuters) - Bulgaria, Argentina, Colombia the Netherlands can only fail to qualify automatically as

and Paraguay took the number of qualifiers for next year's World Cup finals in France to 13 on Wednesday

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In all, 32 nations will take part in the finals being staged from June 10-July 12 next summer.

Bulgaria beat Russia 1-0 in Sofia to clinch first place in European qualifying group two, while Argentina, Colombia and Paraguay ensured they would be in France by filling the top three places in the South American qualifying league.

Argentina beat Chile 2-1 in Santiago, Colombia beat Venezuela 1-0 in Bogota and Paraguay beat Bolivia 2-1 in Asuncion.

The remaining South American qualifier will de decided next month and with Peru, Chile, Bolivia and Uruguay still in varying degrees of contention of finishing fourth.

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Although they have not yet qualified, both Austria and

# British team earns edge over Americans in speed challenge

GERLACH, Nevada (AP) - The British team headed by world land speed record holder Richard Noble cranked off runs of 428 mph (685 kph) and 517 mph (827 kph) on Wednesday, carning an edge and some bragging rights over its American rival

"Thrust SSC has caught up with Spirit of America in style," the team said in its Internet report.

Noble's jet-powered car had its first outing on Monday at 148 mph (237 kph), then took Tuesday off for some work on the car and on the 15mile (24-km) course across the Black Rock Desert 200 kilometers north of Reno.

Noble, whose car now is being driven by Royal Air Force pilot Andy Green, is out to see his own 633.47 mph (1.013-kph) record shattered with a dash at supersonic speed

American Craig Breedlove was on the desert with the same thing in mind, but wrecked an engine during testing on Monday after a 327 mph (523 kph) run and is out of action until at least tomorrow.

His Spirit of America was loaded up for the long trip back to Rio Vista, Califorinia in the San

# Women bowlers only ninth in Atlantic Rim tourney By NORMAN SPIRO

Host country Wales delighted their home supporters by winning the overall Atlantic Rim Tournament - five points ahead of runners-up England.

In the Fours competition Israel's triples team of Maureen Hirschowitz, Arlene Rubin, and Isobel Myers together Tzila Gavisb fell short of the same high level results produced in the triples contest, where a gold medal possibility was denied at the very last hurdle.

The foursome won five of the thirteen games and peeled one to finish in ninth position, nevertheless recording an exciting win over runners-up Wales and losing by the single shot to gold medalists, South Africa.

A shock result in the section was bronze winner Scotland losing to the bottom team, the Netherlands. England's Mary Price took the singles crown losing only one game to Wales's Betty Morgan. World Champion Margaret Johnson's one shot loss to South Africa denied her the gold. Israel's

Chaya Prager won three of her games but held Mary Price to lose by a single shot. In a combined count of the sin-

gles, pairs, trips, and fours, Wales headed the overall standings with fifty points due to a win in the

triples, second in the fours, third in the singles and fourth io the pairs. England with golds in the singles and pairs were overall ranners-up with 45 points followed by South Africa 43, Indand and Scotland 41 each and Jersey 40. Israel were in ninth position with 21 points,



BLAZING A TRAIL - Richard Noble's 'Thrust SSC' reaches 517 mph on the Nevada desert flats on Wednesday. (Renters)

Prancisco Bay area. Noble, 51, is the fastest man on wheels. He set the record of 633.47 mph here in October 1983.

With Green, 35, behind the wheel for this outing. Noble hopes his car will reach Mach 1. That would require a run of at least 750 mph (1.200 kph) in the desert's mile-high altitude.

Breedlove, 60, held the land speed record five times. His top speed was

kph) dash on Saturday.

600.6 mph (961 kph) in 1965\_His

His Spirit of America has under-

gone extensive repairs and modifi-

cations since a 675 mph (1,080 kph)

U-turn here Oct. 28 caused about

\$500,000 in damage. Breedlove was

unhurt. He was the first of the teams

to make a run with a 227 mpb (363

official goal this year is the speed record and a 700 mph (1,120 kmph)

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indeed. The Soviets were obsessed with success, to show the world the superiority of communism. In any international confrontation, second best was considered a cultural disgrace.

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Every Canadian sports fan over

the age of 35 knows what that

They will tell you where they

were at that moment, and they

the best of the Soviet Union,

two countries with a lot to prove.

But if nothing else, we were the

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Professional hockey was all Canadian, even on the rosters of the American teams of the National Hockey League.

Amateur - or in the case of the Soviets, "amateur" - hockey, was owned hy the Soviets. They had hardly ever lost a game in the world championships or the Winter Olympics since 1956. (That was the last year Canada won the worlds, until the early '90s.)

Huh, said Canada: just put those pasty-faced Russkies against our best; you'll see ....

Then came the news: an eightgame series, the Soviet national team against an NHL all-star ream. Communism against The Free World.

One or two Canadian hockey writers actually predicted the Soviets would win a game, as a sort of noblesse oblige. They were decried as either ann-Canada, or . . time, driving one-on-one suzight . down the middle, faking the defenseman out of the way and nuts. John Robertson was just plain nuts: the brilliant, iconoclastic columnist for the Montreal Star wrote that he was convinced the Soviets would win the series

game: coach Harry Sinden said afterwards: "Aren't we all glad to be alive to watch that kind of hockey?" Canada 1-1-1.

GAME FOUR: Fans still debate which result was more depressing: the first loss in Montreal, or the 5-3 loss in Vancouver. Gilbert Perreault of Buffalo scored an amazing unassisted goal, stick-handling the length of the ice, but the rest of the game was a disas-

By now, Canadian fans had become intimately familiar with the Soviet players: their names, their styles, their strengths - but not their weaknesses. There weren't any. They played perfect, positional, disciplined hockey, with uncanny teamwork, in front of a goalie, Tretiak, many Canadians still say was the best

Mikhailov, Kharlamov, Vasiliev, Yakushev - they became household names, alongside Esposito, Clarke, Dryden.

During the game in Vanconver, distiluationed fans began cheering for the wrong team. Afterwards, Canada's hulking leader Phil Esposito, of the Boston Bruins, stated on live TV that he and his teammates were disgusted with the fans' betrayal, with the criticism and derision in

the media. Adding to the dissension, two of the players, Vic Hadfield and Jean Ratelle, both of the New York Rangers, had earlier abandoned the team.

With a 14-day break before the final four games, all in Moscow, and with Canada down 1-2-1, the country fell into deep depression. Were we not the best? And if not, what else mattered? (Remember, this was Canada\_)

GAME FIVE: From the TV coverage, you could distinguish the 9,000 Russian fans in the Moscow arena from the 3,000 Canadians who had traveled to Russia to cheer their team. For one thing, the long-haired, pastel-clothed Canncks cheered - loudly. boistrously, antagonis-

tically to the Muscovites. The dour locals, who if they made any noise at all, merely whistled, were jolted by their flag-waving, leather-lunged, whooping guests. Who can ever forget the refrain chanted from the Canadian-infested side of the arena: "Da. da na-da; nyet, nyet So-vi-et!" We had what to cheer about with but nine minutes left in game five, Canada was coasting along

Anisin and Shadrin scored eight seconds apart, Gusev tied it up two minutes later, and Vikulov won the game with five minutes to play.

The Soviets now led the series 3-1-1. Canada would have to win the last three.

GAME SIX: Paul Henderson of the Toronto Maple Leafs scores the clincher in a 3-2 victory. The Soviets' lead is trimmed to 3-2-1. Paul Henderson?! If any player had no business being on the ros-

ter of Canada's finest, it was Henderson. On a team packed with superstars, many of them future Hall-of-Famers, journeyman Henderson should have been in the stands, waving a flag.

GAME SEVEN: The scoring is dominated hy standouts Esposito and Yakushev, each with two goals. It's 3-3 with the clock ticking down. Montreal's Serge Savard flicks a pass to center ice and Henderson picks it up, skates past two CCCP defensemen, and with 2:06 remaining, he scores a second consecutive game-winner, Canada wins 4-3, the series is tied 3-3-1, and if any Canadian was at that moment on his deathbed, he was damn well going to wait two days for Game Eight. The finale was telecast live in

Canada in mid-afternoon, and it is not an understatement to say that the country stopped to watch. I was in high school then, and like all schools coast to coast, and all businesses, I would guess even all of Canada's cops and robbers, all activity was suspended.

The only people in the streets were huddled around TV showrooms, Classrooms were empty, as all students massed together in gyms and hallways; if ever there was a moment when all Canadians, in all its time zones, were doing the same thing at the same time, this was it.

GAME EIGHT: The Soviets lead 1-0. Then 2-1. Then 3-2. Then 4-3. Every time Canada scores, the Soviets respond. But with about three minutes

left in the second period, the USSR scores out of turn: 5-3. The final period. -

Esposito takes a pass from Mahovlich and beats Tretiak. 5-4. With seven minutes to go, Espo, playing utterly possessed, clicks



TOP OF THE WORLD - Canada's Pete Mahovlich (20) celebrates following Canada's Game Eight win against the Soviets in Moscow.

abandon the game and rush to the bench area; towering Mahovlich clambers into the stands and grabs Eagleson away from the police; menacingly, the players surround him and then skate him across the ice to the rest of the Canadian fans. But Eagleson has the last word: at mid-ice, in full view

of millions of witnesses, he gives the police - or maybe all of Russia - the finger. (No one had any doubt, then

or now, that the Soviets staged the arrest to upset the Canadian players at just the right time.) The game resumes, and the seconds tick down. With three

off the ice to put a fresh skater on. But for the only time in his career, as he would later recall, Henderson disobeys the coach. to Canada. He heads for Tretiak - hut falls

behind the net. The puck goes toward the corner. Three Soviets charge in after it; Henderson is on his knees and Espo far away, cruising in the wrong direction. Esposito shifts. One Soviet passes to another. Henderson is

scrambling to his feet. Espo. reaches, intercepts, and in the same motion scoops it behind him, blindly, toward the net. Tretiak stops it. But Henderson ls there! Henderson shoots,

highlight of his life. Twenty-five years later, ask him what Henderson's goal means to him,

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BUT DID Canada really win? Canadian author Mordecai Richler, in Home Sweet Home, wrote that "the moral victory clearly belonged to Russia,"

When everyone had stopped jumping up and down, hugging strangers, kissing each other, shrieking from euphoric relief and weeping for joy, the dreadful truth crept in: Canada was not undeniably the greatest hockey country on earth.

"After the series," wrote Richler, "nothing was ever the same again in Canada. Beer did-

will not believe it all happened so long ago - a quarter-century ago The September Showdown of 1972. The best of Canada against finally, to establish the best of the It wasn't merely a hockey series, it was their way of life versus ours, and it brought out unparalleled patriotic charvinism in

Canada didn't have a lot to boast Paul Henderson about. The largest nickel deposits.

A DATA

World's longest coastline. We Anything less than an unblemished sweep would bring shame could even have bragged about being the largest country in the down on ... national pride." world - except that the Soviet

GAME ONE: The first of the four games to be played on Canadian soil was at the Montreal Forum. When the Soviets opened, Canadian players actaally felt sorry for them: their equipment, from the skates up, was shoddy. Their red CCCP jerseys were ill-fitting. Their goal-tender, Vladislav Tretiak, laughably thin and small.

Thirty seconds into the game, Canada scored. Within six minutes, all of Canada was beginning to feel sorry for them. Team Canada hadn't yet broken a sweat and they were already up 2-0. It was going to be an embarrass-

ment, we all agreed.

It was. The Soviets won 7-3.

Canada was in absolute shock. What went wrong? Everyone offered an excuse: it was preseason, the players weren't in shape, they were playing with unfamiliar line-mates, it was a fluke.

GAME TWO: In Toronto, we

put things right. Montreal's tiny

speedster Yvan Cournoyer, 5-

foot-7 on his tippy-toes, burst

down the side for an explosive

goal. His giant teammate, 6-foot-6 Pete Mahovlich, scored one of

the most memorable goals of all

then feinting Tretiak this way,

then that, then back again, and

hockey belonged to Canada. They

ter.

Ask any Canadian

Where were you when Paul Henderson scored against the Soviets in September '72? Sam Orbaum tells the tale.

6-2. And if he was wrong, he 4-1 to knot the series 1-1. wrote, he would publicly eat his

GAME THREE: In Winnipeg, an column, soaked in Russian dressomen of things to come. Canada Alan Eagleson, one of the orgaled 4-2, but COCP, helped by two with a 4-1 lead. nizers of the series, spoke for shorthanded goals, came back for a most Canadians when he said: 4-4 tie. But it was an exhilarating And we lost!

with Cournover - and it's tied! Suddenly, a commotion: Alan Eagleson, a brash Toronto lawyer, is visited hy Moscow police, who try to evict him from his seat behind Canada's bench. Enraged, the Canadian players

minutes to go, then two, then save! He gets the rebound, 26 one, everyone concedes that a no-winner, no-loser result would be just.

Everybody, perhaps, hui the players Coach Sinden calls Henderson

seconds left, he shoots ... 6-5!

American League

n't taste as good. The Rockies The most dramatic goal in hockey history. Ask any Canadian sports fan where he was at that moment; ask him the

seemed smaller, the northern lights dimmer." Maybe. But the hockey was never better.

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# **McGwire equals Ruth: 50 HRs in successive seasons**

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) -Mark McGwire joined Babe Ruth as the only players to hit 50 homers in consecutive seasons, hut the St. Louis Cardinals lost to the San Francisco Giants 7-6 Wednesday on Damon Berryhill's RBI single in the 10th inning.

McGwire, who hit a major league-leading 52 homers for Oakland last season, became the first player with back-to-back 50-homer seasons since Ruth did it in 1927 and 1928. Ruth also accomplished the feat in 1920 and 1921.

Berryhill got the winning hit in the 10th off Lance Painter (0-1) after Stan Javier's game-tying homer in the ninth off Dennis Eckersley. Rod Beck (5-3) was the winner as San Francisco kept pressure on NL West-leading Los Angeles, which started the day with a 1 1-2 game lead.

Rockies 9, Astros 7 In Denver, Dante Bichette hit a grand slam and Larry Walker got his 43rd homer, and sending the NL Central leaders to their 10th loss in 13 games. Houston remained 3 1-2 games ahead of secondplace Pittshurgh.

Vinny Castilla hit his 39th homer and Harvey Pulliam had a pinch-homer as Colorado overcame 4-1 and 6-4 deficits to win for the 12th time in 14 games. Curtis Leskanic (3-0) got one out for the win, and Jerry Dipoto struck out the side in the ninth for his 13th save. Mike Magnante (3-1) was the loser.

Expos 5, Pirates 4 In Montreal, Pedro Martinez (17-7) allowed three runs --- two earned — and seven hits in seven innings and struck out eight.

Pittshurgh, which has lost six of seven and 12 of 16, has 16 games remaining. Mike Lansing and Doug

Strange homered for Montreal, in eight at-bats against him, which completed a two-game sweep and won for the eighth time in 12 games. Ugueth Urbina got four straight outs for his 25th save in

29 opportunities. Jon Lieber (9-14) allowed five runs and six hits in four-plus innings.

Mets 10, Phillies 2 In New York, Butch Huskey and Alex Ochoa each drove in three runs as the Mets averted a three-game sweep.

Ochoa had four hits and a stolen base and Hnskey went 3for-4 in extending his hitting streak to a career-high 18 games. The Mets began the day seven games behind Florida in the wild-card race.

Brian Bohanon (5-4) allowed two runs - both uncarned and six hits in 6 1-3 innings. Matt Beech (4-9) was the loser. Cubs 3, Reds 1

In Cincinnati, Kevin Tapani (6-3) won his fourth consecutive start, allowing one run and five bits in 7 1-3 innings. Mark Grace had three hits as the Cubs won for the sixth time in eight games.

Kent Mercker (8-10) made his first start since Aug. 16, the day before he went on the disabled list because of a sore lower hack. He gave np five hits over four innings.

# AMERICAN LEAGUE

Mariners 10, Tigers 0 In Seattle, Ken Griffey Jr. failed to homer for the third consecutive game, but Jamie Moyer (16-4) won his fifth straight decision and Scattle opened a 5 1/2-game lead over second-place Anaheim in the AL West.

Griffey, who has been stuck on 50 homers since Sunday, went 0for-4 with a walk. He was 0-for-2 against Tigers starter Justin Thompson (13-11) and is hitless

striking out seven times. Moyer, unbeaten in eight starts

seven innings, struck out seven and walked one.

hitter Brian Lesher singled home the winning run with two outs in the ninth before 4,764, the smallest Oakland crowd since

With two outs, Jason Giambi singled to right off Dan Plesac (1-4) and advanced to second on Shawn Green's error. Scott Spiezio walked and Lesher singled off Paul Quantrill for the winning run.

T.J. Mathews (5-2) got two outs in the ninth for the win. Red Sox 5, Yankees 2

In Boston, Aaron Sele hroke a three-game losing streak with his second consecutive strong start and the Boston Red Sox beat the slumping New York Yankees 5-2 Sele (13-12), who lost 1-0 to Montreal a week earlier, gave up

four hits in 6 2-3 innings against the Yankees, who lost for the eighth time in 11 games. New York still leads Anaheim

by seven games in the wild-card race but dropped 8 1-2 games behind first-place Baltimore in the AL East. David Wells (14-10) lost his

fifth straight decision and has a 7.71 ERA in that stretch. White Sox 3, Brewers 1

In Chicago, Albert Belle and Robin Ventura each hit solo homers, leading the Chicago White Sox over the Milwaukee Brewers

Belle hit his 28th home run in the second inning and Ventura hit his fifth of the season in the fifth as the White Sox won their second straight after losing six in a row.

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Jason Bere (4-1) gave up one carn his first save of the season. run on three hits and six walks loaded the bases with one out in the ninth off Chuck McElroy, ground into a double play to games on July 28.

Cal Eldred (12-13) took the over 5 1-3 innings. The Brewers loss as the Brewers fell six games behind idle Cleveland in the AL Central, the largest gap hut he got Dave Nilsson to since Milwankee trailed by six

#### **MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS** NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING-LWalker, Colorado, 371; Gwynn, San Diego, 369; Piazza, Los Angeles, 355; Loitoa, Atlanta, 346; Joyner, San Diego, 336; Alfonzo, New York, 378; HaGrace, Chicago, 328. RUNS-UWalker, Colorado, 131; Biggio, Houstoe, 128; Galarraga, Colorado, 109; Boods, San Francisco, 106; Eckoung, Los Angeles, 99; Bagwell, Houston, 96; Chlones, Atlanta, 92; Piazza, Los Angeles, 92; SFinley, San Diego, 92.

RBI-Galarraga, Colorado, 126; Bagwell, Houston, 120; LWalker, Colorado, 114; Sichette, Colorado, 113; Gwyns, Sas Diego, 111; Sosa, Chicago, 110; Chiones, Atlanta, 108; Kent, San Francisco, 108. HITS-Gwynn, Sas Diego, 199; LWalker, Colorado, 193; Biggio, Houston, 177; Piazza, Los Angeles, 175; Galarraga, Colorado, 174; Hondesi, Los Angeles, 170; Castilla, Colorado, 168. HOME RUNS—LWalker, Colorado, 43; Castilla, Colorado, 39; Bagwell, Houston, 38; Galarraga, Colorado, 36; Piazza, Los Angeles, 34; Bonds, San Francisco, 33; Sosa, Chicago, 32. STOLEN BASES—DSanders, Cincinnani, 56; Womack, Pittsburgh, 52; DeShields, St. Louis, 47;

EcYoong, Los Angeles, 42; Siggio, Houssne, 38; Overas, San Diego, 33; LWalker, Colorado, 31. PITCHING (16 Decisions)—Neagle, Atlanta, 20-3, 870, 2.62; Estes, San francisco, 18-4, 818, 3.11; GNaddux, Atlanta, 18-4, 818, 231; Kile, Housson, 17-6, J39, 2.42; PjHartmez, Montreal, 17-7. .708, I.BI: Jodes, Huntreal, 11-5, 687, 4.22; Park, Los Aogeles, 13-6, 684, 3.31. STRIKEOUTS-Schilling, Philadelphia, 290; Pillartinez, Hontreal, 274; Smokz, Atlanta, 218; Nome, Los Angeles, 207; KjBrown, Florida, 189; Kie, Houston, 184; Andenes, St. Lowis, 175.

SAVES-Beck, San Francisco, 35; Jofranco, New York, 35; Shaw, Cincinnati, 34; ToWorrell, Los Angeles, 34; Eckersley, St. Louis, 34; Koffman, San Diego, 33; Wohlers, Atlanta, 33.

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BATTING-Flhomas, Chicago, 356; Justice, Oeveland, 337; Effartinez, Seattle, 332; Ramirez, Develand, 329; BeWilliams, New York, 329; Salomar, Develand, 324; Greer, Texas, 321; Wlaughn, Bostos, .321.

RUNS-Garciaparra, Boston, 113; Griffey Jr, Seattle, 113; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 108; Jeter, New York, 107; FThomas, Chicago, 101; BLHunter, Decroit, 100; ToClark, Decroit, 97; EMartinez, Seattle, 97. RBI-Griffey (r. Seattle, 134; Thartinez, New York, 128; Salmon, Anaheim, 116; Filtomas, Chicago, 14; juGonzalez, Texas, 110; ToClark, Detroit, 109; O'Neill, New York, 107.

HITS Garciaparra, Boston, 189; Greer, Texas, 173; Jeter, New York, 172; InValentin, Boston, 169; Fibomas, Chicago, 168; Griffey Jr, Seattle, 167; IRodriguez, Jexas, 166; Effartinez, Seattle, 166. HOME RUNS-Griffey Jr, Seattle, 50; Thartinez, New York, 41; Thome, Geveland, 37; JuGouzalez,

lexas, 34; Buhner, Seattle, 34; McGwire, Oakland, 34; Fibomas, Chicago, 33; RPalmeiro, Baltimore,

STOLEN BASES-BLifuster, Detroit, 66; Knoblasch, Kinnesota, 56; Ninnes, Toronto, 47; TGoodwin, Texas, 44; Yizquel, Orveland, 40; Durham, Chicago, 31; Allodriguez, Seattle, 29. PITCHING (16 Decisions)-Rajohnson, Seztele, 17-4, 810, 232; Clemens, Toronto, 21-5, 808, 1.85; Nover, Seztele, 16-4, 800, J.77; Erickson, Baltimore, 16-5, 762, 330; Blair, Detroit, 16-6, 727, 3.96; Hershiser, Cleveland, 13-5, 32, 4.42; Peruitte, New York, 16-7, 696, 2.98.

STRIKEOUTS-Rajohnson, Seattle, 264; Clemens, Toronto, 258; Cone, New York, 215; Mussica, Babimore, 197; Fassero, Seattle, 169; Appier, Kansas Gty, 168; Cinley, Anaheim, 155. SAVES-Milvera, New York, 41; Ballyers, Baltimore, 41; Dolones, Milvaukee, 32; Wetteland, Jezas, 28; Tojones, Detroit, 27; Miernandez, Chicago, 77; Percival, Anaheim, 23; Stocomb, Seattle, 23; Agoilera, Kinnesota, 23.

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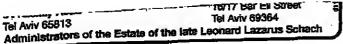
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# Egypt asked to free Azzam

Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliabu Bakshi-Doron (left) meets with Egyptian Ambassador Mohammed Bassiouny yesterday to ask him to convey to President Hosni Mubarak a request that Azzam Azzam, the Druse Israeli sentenced in Egypt two weeks ago to 15 years at hard labor for spying for Israel, be released on humanitarian grounds. Bakshi-Doron also asked Bassiouny to pass on a request to leading Egyptian cleric Sheikh Mahmad Said Tantanawi to issue a ruling that the murder of innocents vio-lates Islamic precepts. Bassiouny agreed to relay both requests.

Hates Islanic precepts, bassionly agreed to relay both requests. Health Minister Yehoshua Matza yesterday informed Azzam's family that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu would ask Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to raise his case in her meeting with Mubarak tomorrow. (Efrain Kilsinok)

# PA 'rabbi' unfazed by Jews in Jericho

## By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH

NEWS

Rabbi Moshe Hirsh, who describes himself as "adviser on Jewish affairs to President Arafat," admitted yesterday that he had not been consulted by the Palestinian Authority about the first Jews to ever have taken up residence in its territory - a group of self-declared home-less families who arrived in Jericho this week from Mevasseret Zion and declared themselves to be refugees. "It's gurnisht," said Hirsh, using

the Yiddish word for nothing. "It's not political and has nothing to do with Yiddishkeit. They just want homes

Hirsh said he did not feel slighted at not having been consulted and does not think the authority needs, in addition to his own Ashkenazi presence, a Sephardi rabbi to deal with cases like the Jericho "refugees," who are Sephardi. A member of the Mea She'arim-based Natorei Karta, which does not recognize a Jewish state, Hirsh is a frequent caller on Yasser Arafat.

The heads of several squatter families - that had been evicted from the Mevasseret Zion immigrant absorp-

tion center - arrived in Jericho last Thursday and declared themselves political refugees. They have since been joined by their families and have been provided by the PA with temporary dwellings. ISRAEL'S No. T FROM



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# IDF command changes take effect

Maj.-Gen. Shlomo Yanai yesterday officially changed jobs from OC Southern Command to OC Planning Branch, at a ceremony attended by Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai at the ministry in Tel Aviv. Maj-Gen. Yom-Tov Samia replaces him at Southern Command.

In another command change, OC Home Front Command Mai-Gen. Shmuel Arad retired from the IDF after 32 years of service. No successor has been named. (Itim)

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# Acre Festival wins reprieve

## By HELEN KAYE

"The Acre Festival will go ahead as planned and the Ministry of Education will honor all its financial obligations," Education Mioistry Director-General Benzion Dell announced yesterday, In a memo to Arts and Culture Financial Trust general-manager Galit Bauerski, actiog Arts and Culture Administration head Dr. Dan Ronnen wrote that, following the receipt from the trust of the provisional halance sheet, an immediate advance of NIS 250,000 would be forwarded. The memo also ordered ACFT

groups today [underlined] and make an immediate advance available to them, because they bave been working for some time with-

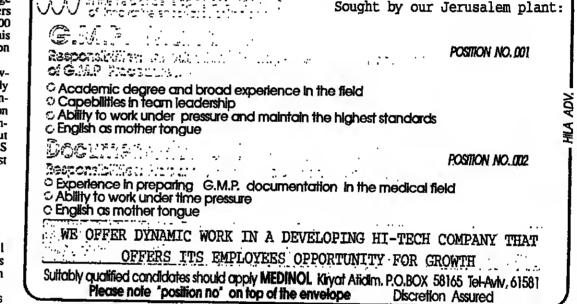
out getting a penny." The 11th hour reprieve followed a meeting between a delegation headed by festival artistic director Itzik Weingarten and Ronneo and Dell

"We were invited to meet with Dell just as ministry security had called the police," said director Yigai Ezrati, who represented the theater groups at the meeting. He was one of a busload of festival participants who had camped outside the ministry since 11 a.m yes-"to sign contracts with the theater terday, vowing oot to leave until

they had seen Education Minister Zevulun Hammer. According to Ezrati, who was denied entry hy ministry security.

the group hegan beating large drums and marching with posters bearing slogans such as "300,000 people will not be at Acre this year" and "The Education Ministry presents: The Miser."

The present crisis flared following the festival's claim that only some NIS 400,000 of the ministry's promised NIS 1.5 million subsidy had been paid. The ministry said it has already paid out NIS 1.05m., of which NIS 600.000 have gone to cover last year's Acre Festival deficit.



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# Study: Let sleeping teenagers lie

## By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Benjamin Franklin apparently had it wrong: waking up early will not make you wiser, at least if believe that the biological clocks you're a teenager, according to a study reported on yesterday in an

Education Ministry publication. The study, by Dr. Richard Alleo The fact that classes in most high schools begin at 7:30 creates US, asserts that teenagers who sters, the experts say.

school as well. The article in Arutz Hinuchi says

that sleep-pattern researchers now of many teenagers are "set" for waking up later than their parents.

of Johns Hopkins University in the useless study hours for the young-

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to sleep more, but do better in trouble adapting their natural sleeping patterns to the school's demands," the publication

Allen also found that teenagers generally go to bed at the same hour each night, regardless of the hour they need to wake up for school.

He believes the schools should adjust their sched

quotes Alan as saying.

wake up late not only get a chance

"Many of the youngsters have classes an hour later.

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# Agency aids torched Reform nursery school

# By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

The Mevasseret Zion nursery school affiliated with the Reform movement which was torched last week by unknown arsonists is getting a helping hand from Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg. Burg and the staff of the agency's Department of Rural and Urban Development initiated a special campaign on behalf of the kindergarten, and a special contribution obtained hy Burg will now be used to buy new equipment for the kindergarten, including a VCR, television, computer, and books and games.

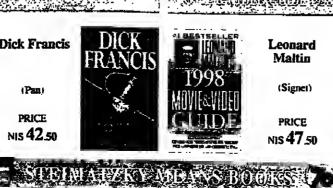
"Yesterday's arson of a kindergarten is today's declaradon of civil war and tomorrow's readiness to spill Jewish blood," Burg said yesterday. "We will prove that the Jewish Agency's commitment to tolerance and mutual respect is not only talk."

Workers from the department will arrive at the kindergarten on Monday to assist in its renovation, an agency spokeswoman said. Others will work with the children inside the building.

Hanna Sorek, chairwoman of the Reform community in Mevasseret Zion, and kindergarten educational director Aliza Landau were extremely moved by the agency's assistance, and provided a list of items required by the kindergarten that was fully met, supplemented by books and games.

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